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TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF MY TRANSFER, BUT I OVER-SLEPT, AND NOW I'M IN BIG TROUBLE! I'VE GOTTA HURRY!!

MY NAME IS **REIKA AOBA**! I'M 15 YEARS OLD, AND AS OF TODAY I'M STARTING AT **HONEY PRIVATE ACADEMY** !!

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OH, NO! I'M LATE! I'M LATE!

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I JUST WITNESSED AN UNBELIEVABLE INCIDENT! A GIRL WHO'D OVERSLEPT WAS RUNNING TO SCHOOL AT FULL SPEED WITH A SLICE OF BREAD BETWEEN HER TEETH, SAYING, "OH, NO! I'M LATE, I'M LATE!" NOW I'M IN PURSUIT!

I MEAN, WHAT A CLASSIC SIGHT TO SEE!

ALTHOUGH I REALLY SHOULDN'T. I MEAN... I'M LATE TOO.

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MY NAME IS TOME KURATA.

I'M IN 10TH GRADE AT PEPPER HIGH IN MY LOCAL AREA.

I MADE MY OWN LUNCH TODAY.

WOW! AWE-SOME!

...WHAT K-POP ARE YOU LISTEN-ING TO NOW?

...SO, WE'RE TIMING OUR SPRINTS IN PE TODAY, AND I'M SO BEAT ...

HOSHIDA IN GRADE 12 IS SO COOL, ISN'T HE...?

TO-TALLY!

...

...THEY STOPPED LISTEN-ING TO ME...

...BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT.

I SAW SOMETHING AMAZING THIS MORNING. A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RUNNING ALONG AND HOLDING BREAD BETWEEN HER TEETH. IT WAS KINDA EXCITING.

...SO, I BROKE MY SMART PHONE AND GETTING IT FIXED IS SUCH A PAIN...

CAN'T YOU JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THAT ...?

WOW. THAT'S FUNNY.

MILK

THESE GIRLS ARE ALL NICE...

BUT HAVE DIFFER-ENT INTER-ESTS.

WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH, I WAS **OBSESSED** WITH THE PARANORMAL-- TELEPATHY, THE OCCULT, AND UFOS...AND AT SOME POINT IT HIT ME THAT I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT **MOST** KIDS MY AGE ARE INTO. YOUNG AS I AM, I WASN'T READY TO TURN INTO A MIDDLE-AGED LADY...SO I DECIDED TO MAKE A FRESH START IN HIGH SCHOOL.

BUT ALL I ENDED UP DOING FOR THAT FRESH START... WAS SEAL AWAY MY OLD INTER-ESTS.

FUTURE MESSAGES

OOH! I GOT A TEXT FROM HOSHIDA-SEN-PAI.

LIKE SHE'S FLIRTING WITH HER CO-STARS.

OH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. IT'S KINDA SHADY.

I HATE THE WAY MISACHO LAUGHS.

HUH? I DUN-NO.

WHA?! NO WAY! THEY'RE PER-FECT!

I SAW IT ON-LINE!

RUMOR SAYS THAT MICHAEL TAKAMURA AND MISACHO ARE IN A ***RELA-TIONSHIP***!

HUH?! WHAT WAS IT?

HEY, I SAW SOME-THING AMAZ-ING, TOO!

...WELL, WE'D BETTER GET CHANGED. PE IS NEXT.

NO. I'M JUST CHECKING MY MES-SAGES. DIDN'T GET ANY.

FROM A BOY?

HUH? TOME, DID YOU GET A TEXT TOO?

OH, I SEE.

WE BROKE UP. WE'RE WEREN'T INTO THE SAME FOODS.

HOW ARE THINGS WITH YOUR BOY-FRIEND, HARU?

A FRIEND OF A FRIEND INTRO-DUCED US.

HOW DO YOU HAVE HIS NUM-BER?!

I LACK INSPIRA-TION.

THINGS ARE GETTING KIND OF TEDIOUS.

I'M BEAT ...

AW, SORRY. I CAN'T TODAY ...

...I'VE GOT MY PART-TIME JOB.

PART-TIME? WHAT DO YOU DO?

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YOU KNOW ABOUT THE NEW CAFÉ BY THE STATION?

WANNA GO THERE?

LET'S DO IT!

YOU WANT TO COME, TOME?

OH, IT'S JUST, YOU KNOW...

...IT'S A CAKE SHOP.

THAT'S TOO BAD!

SO WHERE IS THIS CAKE SHOP?

OH, NO! I'M GONNA BE LATE! GOTTA RUN!!

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A MYSTERY HUNTER! AN INVESTIGATOR OF STRANGE PHENOMENA! A SOLVER OF BAFFLING CASES OF THE SUPER-NATURAL...

SO NOW'S WHEN MY SCHOOL TIME ENDS...

...AND MY FREE TIME BEGINS.

DURING THE DAY, I'M AN ORDINARY, SWEET HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, BUT AFTER CLASS... MY TRUE IDENTITY IS REVEALED.

I AM ...

...WELL, NOT REALLY, BUT I **WORK** FOR SUCH A MAN.

Spirits & such

THAT IS...

...I THINK I DO.

IF IT'S TRUE... THAT WOULD MAKE THIS THE ULTIMATE PLACE FOR ME...MY DREAM JOB...BUT...

I MEAN... THIS OFFICE IS SAID TO HAVE HELPED MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE VEXED BY UNCANNY AND OCCULT OCCURRENCES.

THEY'VE DEALT WITH NUMEROUS CASES... APPARENTLY.

...HUH. NO CLIENTS AGAIN TODAY.

MR. REIGEN. ARATAKA REIGEN.

THIS MAN IS THE BOSS.

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HELLO AGAIN TODAY ...

...SIR.

LIKE WHEN SOMEBODY BROUGHT IN THAT GHOST PHOTO A LITTLE WHILE AGO, AND YOU NEVER EVEN CONTACTED ME!

BUT YOU ***NEVER*** CALL ME!!

YOU REALLY DON'T NEED TO COME HERE ALL THE TIME, YOU KNOW. IF ANYTHING COMES UP, I'LL CALL YOU.

...AND AGAIN, NO ONE ASKED YOU TO DROP BY.

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OH, IT'S YOU, TOME. SO YOU'RE HERE AGAIN ...

HOW DISRE-SPECTFUL. MY ACHIEVE-MENTS ARE NUMER-OUS AS THE STARS THROUGH THE SMOG.

YOU'RE SIMPLY A RUBBER-NECKER, TRYING TO GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION. THINK I DON'T SEE YOUR GAME?

WELL, THIS IS DANGEROUS WORK. AN AMATEUR CAN'T JUST WALK INTO AN EXORCIST'S LIFE.

...ARE YOU DOING SPIRIT WORK HERE?

YOU'RE NOT JUST GET-TING MONEY DOING SHADY STUFF, ARE YOU?

I'VE STILL NEVER SEEN YOU IN ACTION WITH MY OWN EYES, MR. REIGEN...

I WARN YOU...IF YOU NOW POSSESS A TRANQUIL, ORDINARY EXISTENCE... DON'T CHOOSE THIS PATH.

THERE'S NOTHING FUN ABOUT IT. IT'S A LIFE THAT WALKS ALONG THE BORDER-LANDS OF DEATH.

OH, THERE'S PLENTY MORE... I'VE EXORCISED EVIL SPIRITS THAT HAUNTED RUINS AND GRAVEYARDS, TURNING INFAMOUS GHOST SPOTS INTO HARMLESS TOURIST DESTINATIONS... ALSO, I'VE ELIMINATED VARIOUS MONSTERS, TAUGHT BAD ESPERS SOME HARD LIFE LESSONS... LOOSENED UP STIFF SHOULDERS...THERE'S ALMOST NOTHING I CAN'T DO.

I BATTLE THINGS BEYOND THE HUMAN INTELLECT. VICIOUS SPIRITS... HATEFUL CURSES... PSYCHIC DEVOUR-ERS.

SOME OF THEM EVEN TRY TO TAKE PEOPLE'S LIVES. LIKE THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN.

WHEN I FOUGHT HER...I MEAN, IF IT HADN'T BEEN ME, WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAP-PENED.

TH-THE SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN... THE *URBAN LEGEND* ...?!

SHE *REALLY EXISTS*? YOU'VE BEEN SITTING ON A STORY THAT JUICY?! GIVE ME ALL THE DETAILS, MR. REIGEN!

THE FEARFUL PHOTOSHOPPING OF GHOST SELFIES...THE EXTERMINATION OF SPECTERS, SPOOKS, SPIDERS, AND SILVER-FISH...FORTUNE TELLING...CAREER COUNSELING. WASN'T IT JUST YESTERDAY I TOOK DOWN A DEMON THAT WAS PLOTTING TO PLUNGE THE WORLD INTO DARKNESS...?

...YOU WERE D-DOING THAT... *YESTER-DAY*...?

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...NOW SHE'LL TAKE THE HINT AND LEAVE FOR GOOD.

SHE'S SHAK-ING...

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I MADE IT!!!

HERE!

HAVE THIS TEA!!

YOU'RE TERRIBLE ...!!!

BUT I HAVE ENOUGH HANDS ON DECK, AND I DON'T PARTICULARLY NEED A SECRETARY.

I TOLD YOU I WOULD WORK FOR FREE, AND I'M READY TO HELP OUT WITH WHATEVER!

YOU PROMISED TO CALL ME WHENEVER SOMETHING CAME UP, DIDN'T YOU?!!

YOU'RE SO MEAN! MAKING ME WORK HERE FOR NO PAY!!

YEAH, THAT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD. I WISH I COULD EXORCISE YOU.

I DUNNO. YOU'RE SAYING IT ANYWAY.

...WOULD THAT BE POWER HARASSMENT?

THIS TEA IS PRETTY TEPID. BUT IF I WERE TO SAY THAT ALOUD...

I MEAN, OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY HAPPENINGS LIKE I DESCRIBED REALLY *DON'T* HAPPEN THAT OFTEN...

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATING A LITTLE.

I'LL STUBBORNLY KEEP COMING BACK UNTIL YOU ACCEPT ME WORKING HERE! FOR NO PAY!!

I WANT TO SEE SUCH PROFOUND MYSTERIES WITH MY OWN EYES!

YUP.

...LIKE IN A MANGA?

NOT NECESSARILY. I SAW SOMETHING AMAZING THIS MORNING.

EH? WHAT?

A GIRL. RUNNING ALONG...

...WITH A SLICE OF BREAD IN HER MOUTH.

TOME.

IF YOU SEE HER AGAIN... INFORM ME.

...!

OH. I SEE.

BUT SHE SEEMED TO BE A TRANSFER STUDENT, SO WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE...?

Spirits & such

NO. UNFORTUNATELY, I ONLY SAW HER FROM BEHIND.

WHAT?! REALLY?!

SO... DID YOU SLAM INTO HER WHEN YOU CAME AROUND A CORNER...?!

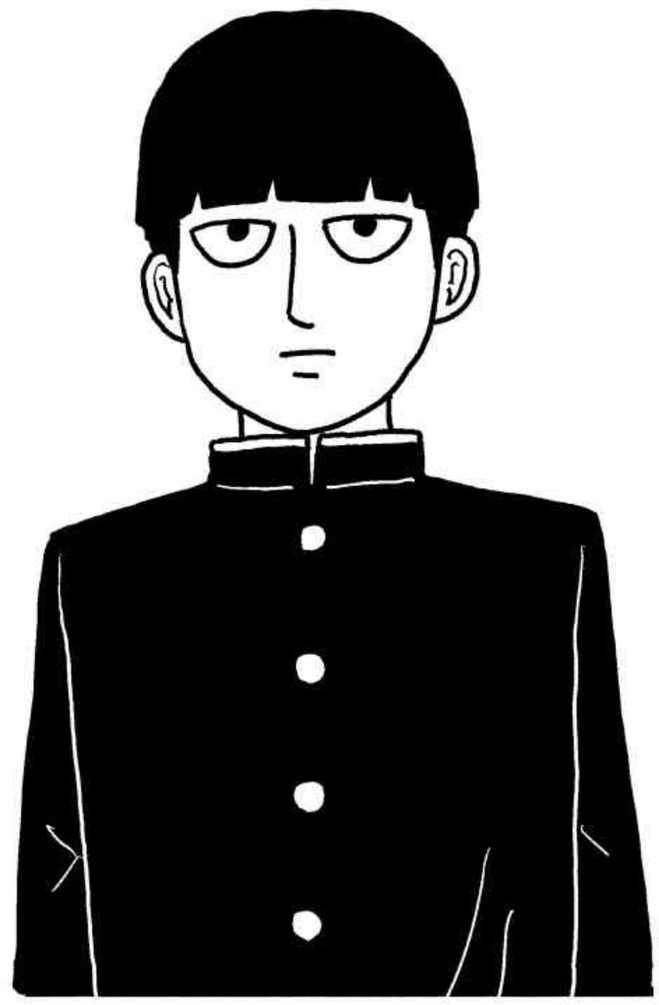
COULD IT BE... NO, I *KNEW* IT...!

...MR. REIGEN, ON A BASIC LEVEL... YOU'RE THE SAME AS ME.

Spirits & such

I'VE GOT FREE TIME, TOO.

YES, I AM.



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A CLIENT IS HERE ...!

...OH!

...SO I WANTED TO LIVE ALONE AND TAKE IT EASY IN MY OLD AGE. I LET MY SON AND HIS WIFE HAVE THE HOUSE, AND MOVED INTO A CONDO NOT TOO FAR AWAY. IT'S JUST THAT... NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, I'M HEARING STRANGE NOISES. IT'S A BIT SCARY, AND THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO CONSULT WITH SOMEONE...

Spirits & such

TIME TO BE A SECRE-TARY !

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I HAD THOSE HIDDEN IN THE BACK OF THE CUP-BOARD!

ALSO, WE HAVE SOME CHOCO-PIES.

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OH, THANK YOU.

SOME TEA!

I SEE, I SEE...

YES... ALWAYS AT THE SAME TIME...

SO, YOU HEAR THESE STRANGE NOISES AT NIGHT ?

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I, ARATAKA REIGEN, WILL TAKE ON THIS ASSIGN-MENT!

LEAVE IT TO ME!

A CURSE !

I WON'T KNOW ANY MORE UNTIL I GO TO THE SITE AND DO A PLUMBING INSPEC-TION-- I MEAN, A CLAIR-VOYANT READING.

I BELIEVE THAT THE SPIRITS OF DEPARTED RATS HAVE CAUSED YOUR DRAIN-PIPES TO DETERIORATE. A CURSE, IF YOU WILL.

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YOU THINK *YOU'RE* GOING TO THE SITE, TOO ...?!

NOW, HOLD ON!!

IF WE'RE HEADED OVER, I'LL GET READY QUICK!

SO...SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GO TO A PLACE THAT MAY BE CURSED *ALONE* ...?

BECAUSE IF YOU CAME WITH ME, THERE'D BE NOTHING FOR YOU TO DO.

HUH? WELL, WHY *NOT*?!

Spirits &

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HECK, NO. I'LL BE TAKING AN EMPLOYEE.

HE SHOULD BE ALONG ANY SECOND...

I'LL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO NOT GET IN YOUR WAY...!

BUT I'M *BEGGING* YOU, MR. REIGEN!!

NO TAG-GING ALONG.

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? THIS ISN'T A GAME.

BECAUSE THE SCARIEST THING OF ALL IS PEOPLE.

IF ANY ISSUES ARISE BECAUSE I'VE GOT A LAYPERSON ALONG, IT'LL BE A REAL PROBLEM. AND HUMAN INTERACTIONS ARE HARDER TO DEAL WITH THAN GHOST TROUBLE.

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MR. SERI-ZAWA ...

AH. THERE YOU ARE, SERIZAWA.

I SEEM TO BE BENEATH MR. REIGEN'S NOTICE SOMETIMES, BUT HE ACKNOW-LEDGES MR. SERI-ZAWA'S EXCEL-LENCE.

HE'S AN EMPLOYEE OF THIS OFFICE, AND HE CAN PERFORM EXORCISMS, LIKE MR. REIGEN. HE CAN BEND SPOONS TOO...HE'S A SO-CALLED SUPERHUMAN.

KATSUYA SERIZAWA.

MISS KURATA. HERE AGAIN, I SEE.

...SO FOR NOW, TO SPUR HIS SOCIAL MATURATION, I TAKE HIM TO VARIOUS SITES AND SUPERVISE HIM.

BUT HE WAS A SHUT-IN, LACKING INTERPERSONAL EXPERIENCE ...

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HE'S NOT MY DISCIPLE. SERIZAWA ALREADY HAS FULL-FLEDGED CONTROL OF HIS POWER.

THAT'S GREAT! SIR, PLEASE MAKE *ME* YOUR DISCIPLE TOO!

NOW, SERIZAWA ISN'T AT MY LEVEL, BUT HE'S A PRETTY EXCEPTIONAL EXORCIST.

HE AND I WILL BE GOING TO THE SITE.

RIGHT NOW, IT'S JUST THESE TWO HANDLING EVERY REQUEST THAT COMES INTO **SPIRITS & SUCH.**

SO, WHILE WE'RE OUT, YOU CAN...I KNOW, YOU CAN ANSWER THE PHONE BANKS, TOME.

THIS ISN'T A PLEDGE DRIVE. AND THERE'S ONLY ONE PHONE.

SERIZAWA ...

...IF YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT STATEMENT... THEN KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON TOME.

WHY CAN'T MISS KURATA COME WITH US?

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, WE CAN PROTECT HER. IT'LL BE FINE!

MR. SERIZAWA, YOU'RE A DREAM! THIS IS WHAT A GENEROUS ADULT LOOKS LIKE! DO YOU SEE, MR. REIGEN?!

YES, SIR.

LOOKED AROUND AT THE FITTINGS TOO, BUT DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING PARTICU-LARLY SUSPI-CIOUS.

DON'T HEAR ANY CURIOUS NOISES YET.

YOU DON'T GIVE IN...

OH, MY FAMILY'S SO *LAISSEZ-FAIRE.* IF I TELL THEM I'M STAYING OVERNIGHT AT A FRIEND'S, THEY'LL GIVE ME THE OKAY.

IT'S LATE. DON'T YOU HAVE TO GET HOME?

WELL, IT'S ALMOST THE HOUR THE OLD LADY SAID. WE SHOULD RELAX AND WAIT.

HERE.

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BUT WHERE IS IT COM-ING FROM ?

THAT'S THE SOUND... NIGHT AFTER NIGHT... IF IT'S A SPIRIT, PLEASE DISPEL IT!

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YES... IT'S COMING FROM INSIDE THE CLOSET.

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...IT'S LOCKED. DO YOU HAVE THE KEY, MA'AM...?
OPEN IT, SERIZAWA.
YES, SIR.
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NOTH-ING HERE...
ずず scritch
ずず scritch
ぞり... shkk
ぞり... shkkshkk
...I CAN HEAR IT... FROM THE WALL?
ぞりぞり... shkk shkk
コンコンッ knock knock
...THE SOUND STOP-PED.
I BELIEVE I KNOW THE CAUSE.
WE'LL RETURN TOMOR-ROW NIGHT.
!
YOU KNOW THE CAUSE, BUT YOU'RE COMING BACK?
LET'S JUST SAY I'M CONFIDENT ...BUT NOT YET POSITIVE.
TOMORROW WE'LL ASK THE LANDLORD TO SHOW US A FLOOR PLAN OF THE CONDOS. AND WE'LL NEED TO BRING...
...CER-TAIN TOOLS.

THESE ARE THE PLANS FOR THE APARTMENT NEXT DOOR...

I SEE... I KNEW IT.

A UNIVERSITY STUDENT, I THINK. SEEMS LIKE A NICE BOY. HE CARRIES MY GROCERIES IN FOR ME.

...WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR?

On the other side of that closet wall...

...if she had its doors open one time... he might have observed that little fact. And the walls of these condos are rather thin...

There's a safe inside that closet...

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HUH? WHO ARE YOU...?

MY CARD.

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TOME! THE YOU-KNOW-WHAT!

AYE AYE, SIR!

HUH? WHAT FOR? NO!

A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO CAN'T READ? I'M A SPIRITU-ALIST... WHO WANTS TO PEEK INSIDE YOUR CLOSET.

HEY! THIS IS FORCED ENTRY!

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BOLT CUTTERS !!

JUST SO! THE BACK WALL OF THE CLOSET IS SURE TO HAVE CHISEL MARKS ALL OVER IT...

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WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING ...?!

DRAWN FROM THE SEVEN TOOLS OF REIGEN-STYLE EXOR-CISM!

MR. REIGEN, I DON'T UNDER-STAND. JUST WHAT WERE YOU HOPING TO CONFIRM HERE...?

SIR...IT DOESN'T.

YOU'D BETTER PAY COM-PENSA-TION FOR THIS...

WHAT'S YOUR POINT ?

YES, IT *IS* CLEAN AND SMOOTH ...

WALL-PAPER. IN A CLOSET. FAIRLY NEW, ISN'T IT ...?

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE WITH THE HOME-OWNER'S ASSOCIA-TION...

SAY, WHAT AUTHOR-ITY DO YOU HAVE TO DO THIS ANYWAY ...?

...AND STICK IT BACK BEST I CAN AFTER.

NO, BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I *WILL* DO-- PEEL THAT PAPER OFF...

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HEY...

...HEY !!

VERY WELL, THEN!

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COULD THIS STUDENT ACTUALLY BE THE HAUNT OF AN EVIL SPIRIT? THE HOST OF A PARASITIC ALIEN INVADER ...?!

IS HE... POS-SESSED ...?!

POP!

ムクムクムクムク grow! rage!

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA! THAT'S ENOUGH, MAN!

THIS ISN'T FUNNY, ASS-HOLE!!

MR. REIGEN'S IN DANGER ...!

GRRRR...

EVEN I CAN BE OF SOME USE!

NOW, MR. REIGEN! DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO!!

TAKE THIS ...!!!

tackle!

HEY! LEMME GO...

SHRRIPPP!!

W-WHAT IS THIS...?

...BLOOD ...?

FINGERS HAVE SCRATCHED DEEP INTO THE ENTIRE WALL...!

UM, HEY AGAIN ...

...ACTUALLY, I DID HEAR SOMETHING ONCE...

THEY S-SAY... THERE WAS AN INCIDENT IN ONE OF THE C-CONDOS ...

...I N-NEVER IMAGINED IT W-WAS **THIS** ONE...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

A BURGLAR HAD BEEN HIDING IN SOMEONE'S CLOSET, WAITING FOR THEM TO LEAVE...BUT THE OWNER LOCKED THE CLOSET BEFORE THEY STEPPED OUT THE DOOR...ON A FOREIGN VACATION. TRAPPED, THE BURGLAR EVENTUALLY WENT MAD BEFORE HIS DEATH...

WSSHHH

BUT...

BUT...

...IT WASN'T ME! NOOOOOO ...!!!

HOW DARE YOU LOCK ME IN THERRRE...!

I'M FREE...

...I'M FINALLY FREE...

AW... WELL...
HA HA HA...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THANKS TO YOU, I'M SAFE NOW!!
...
I'M SORRY FOR THINKING YOU WERE SOME WEIRD CON ARTIST AT FIRST! BUT YOU CAME HERE TO EXORCISE THAT EVIL SPIRIT!

BUT HE **OVERCAME** IT! I'M SORRY I WAS A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS OF HIM BEFORE. OF COURSE HE'D BE A LITTLE SCARED OF AN EVIL SPIRIT...

HE'S IN A COLD SWEAT... SO HE WAS ACTUALLY AFRAID ...

HM ?

OH...

MR. REIGEN IS AMAZING...! HE FIGURED OUT WHERE THE EVIL SPIRIT WAS IN NO TIME!

Otherwise I could have opened myself up to a lawsuit for breaking and entering that dude's condo, and falsely accusing him of a crime!

...I was really scared there! As afraid as I've ever been...it's a good thing that evil spirit showed up!

MR. REIGEN AND MR. SERIZAWA... JUST WATCHING THEM WORK IS A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

...BUT HE'S A PERSON TO LISTEN TO.

HE MAY BE MONEY HUNGRY ...

Spirits & such

AND IT **WAS**...BUT LITTLE DID I REALIZE AT THE END OF THAT FIRST JOB WITH HIM... THAT I WOULD END UP BEING ABLE TO SEE SPIRITS **MYSELF**...

...FOR TODAY'S LESSON, I'LL SHOW HOW TO NEGOTIATE FEES WITH LANDLORDS. REMEMBER, HAUNTINGS DRIVE DOWN RENTS, BUT EXORCISMS HOIST THEM HIGH AGAIN!

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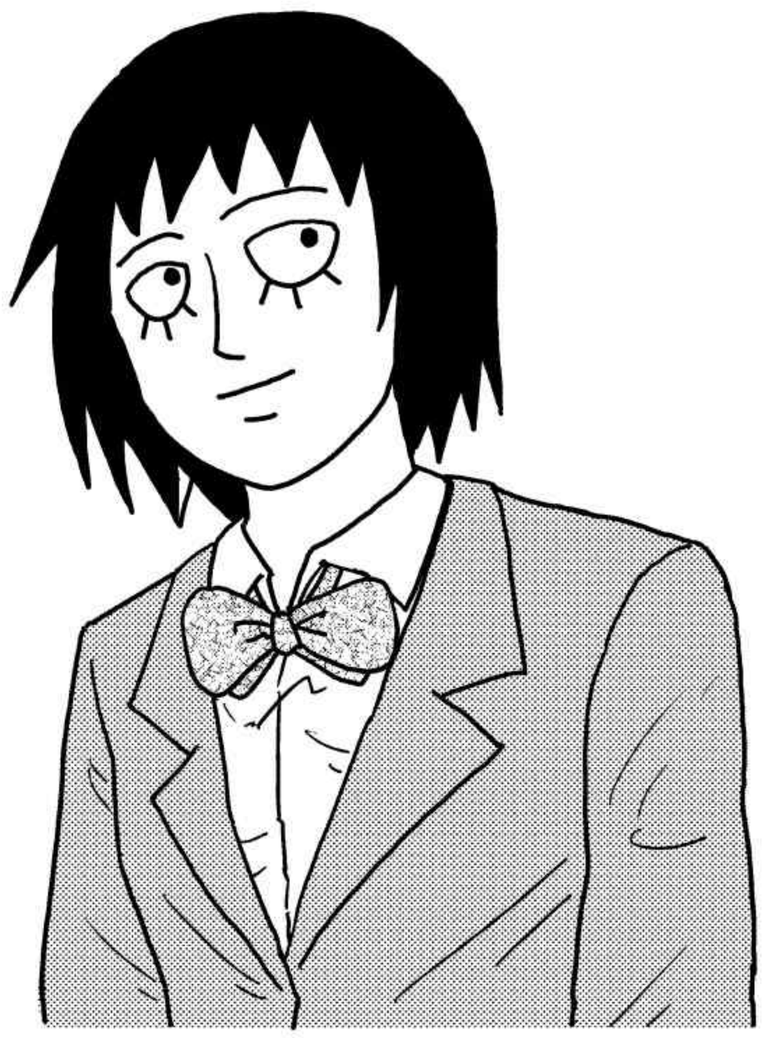

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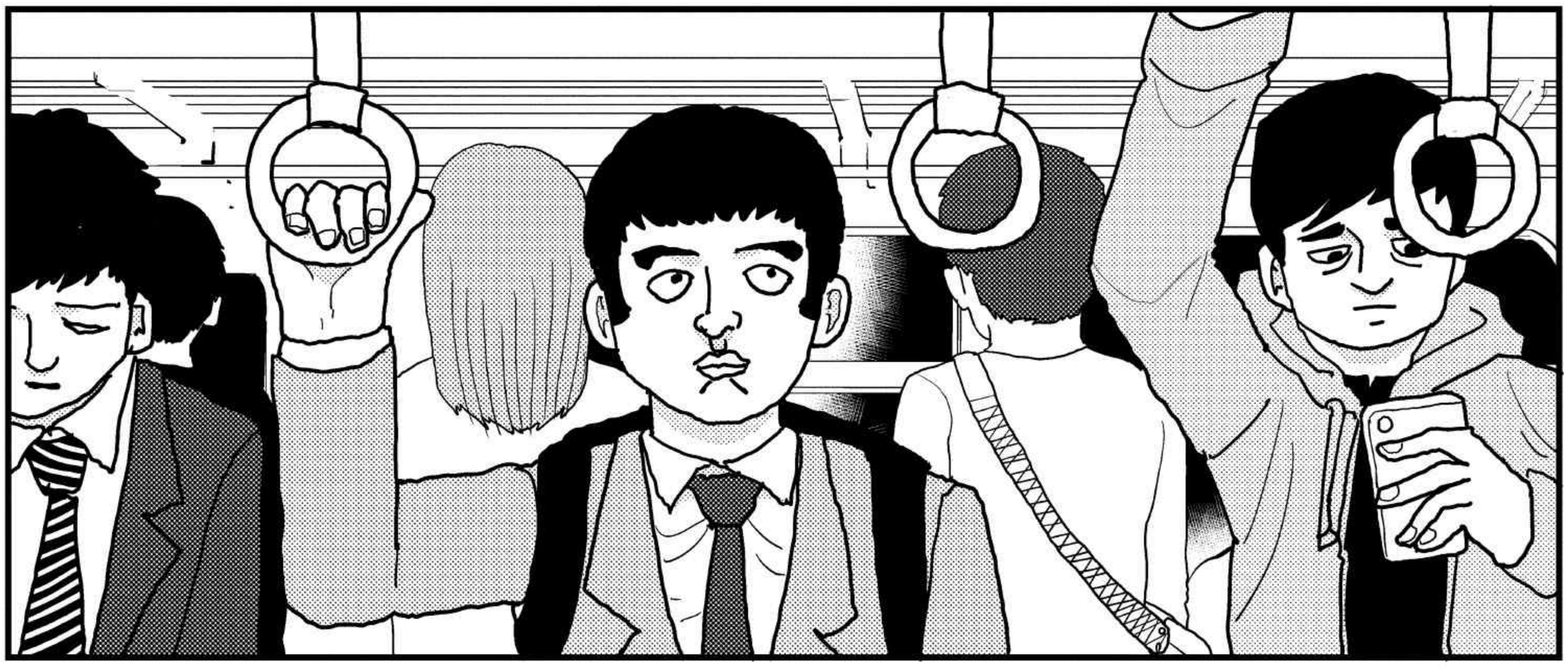

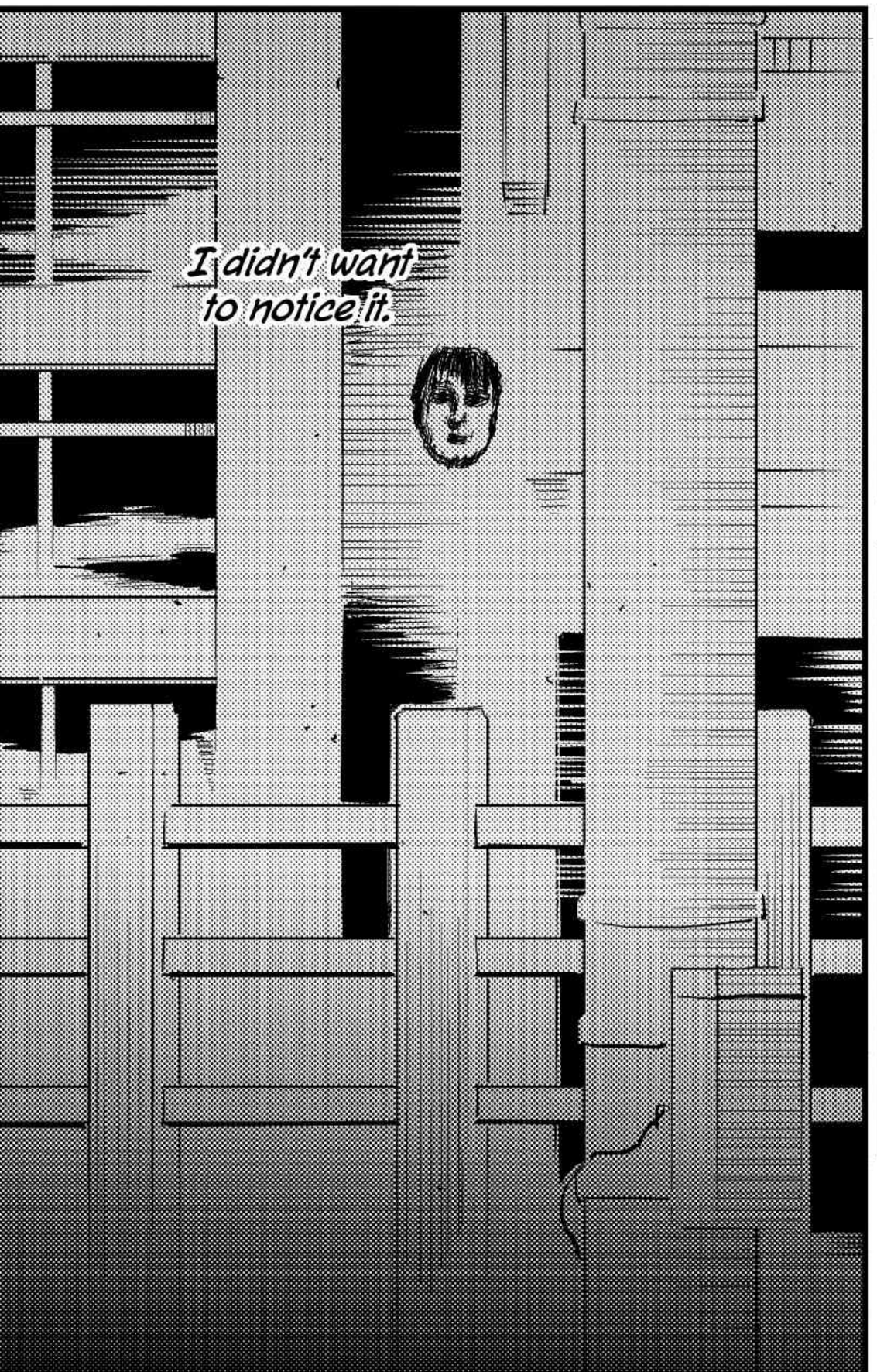

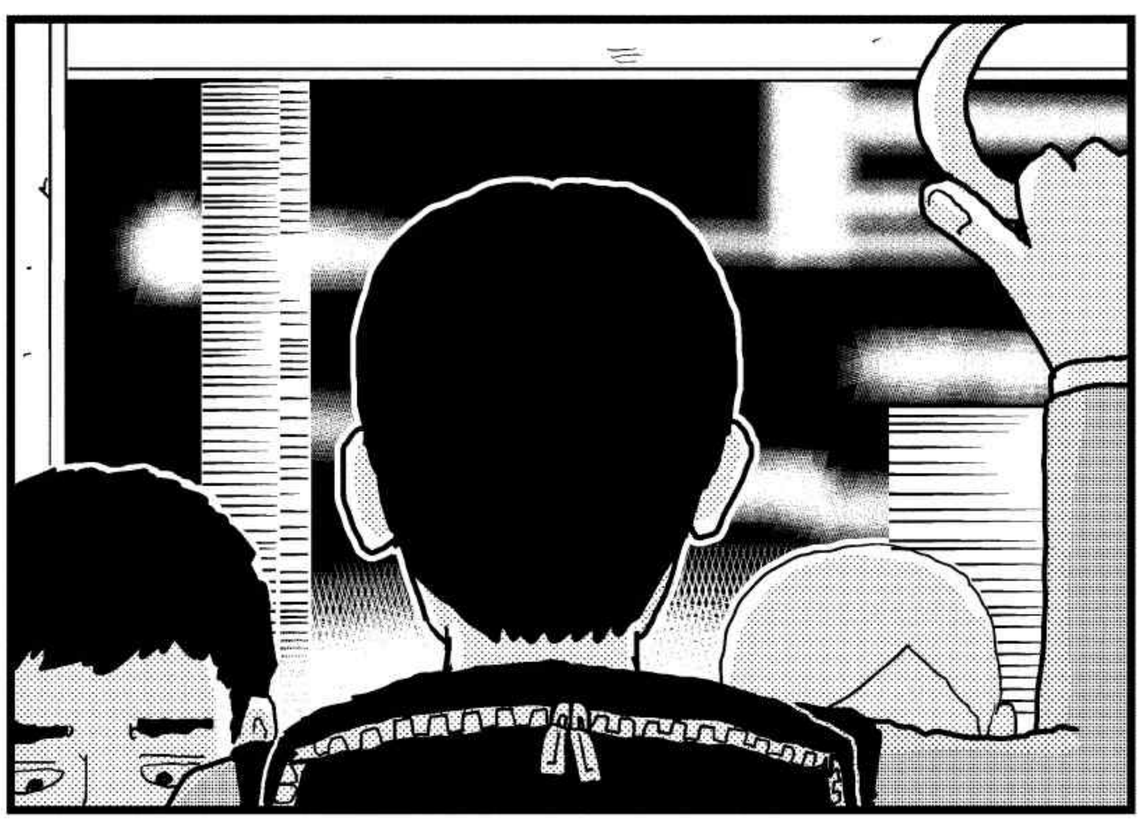

...and it was getting closer.

...it was there...

But the next day...

...and the day after that, too...

Does it have some business with me?

At first, I told myself it was a smudge...a trick of the eyes...but it's a face...the face of a person.

I SEE...

SO I'M REALLY SHOOK ...

...AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...SO I CAME TO SEE YOU.

FOR SPIRITUAL TROUBLES PLEASE CALL

SUN PSYCHIC UNION
SHINRA MEDIUM OFFICE
BANSHOMARU SHINRA
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TEL: 0△■-042-□@X0

ALSO... THIS SPIRIT SEEMS TO HAVE A VERY STRONG FIXATION ON YOU...

...IT'S A WOMAN.

...I'VE JUST DONE A CLAIR-VOYANT READING OF YOU...

...AND THERE ARE DEFI-NITELY SIGNS OF A SPIRIT.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SOMEONE *YOU* KNOW.

...BUT I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE FROM THE PAST WHO EVER HAD SUCH A GRUDGE AGAINST ME THAT THEY'D LINGER IN THIS WORLD.

...I MEAN... WHO CAN SAY FOR SURE THAT THERE'S NO ONE WHO MIGHT HAVE ATTACH-MENTS TO YOU...

H-HANG ON JUST A SECOND ...

FIX--?

...ARE YOU SAYING THIS SPIRIT MAY BE SOMEONE WHO K-*KNOWS* ME...?

...CAN YOU DISPEL IT...?!

...F-FINAL AIM...

I DON'T KNOW ITS FINAL AIM YET... BUT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT YOU WERE THE ONE IT DECIDED TO HAUNT.

SOME-TIMES A RESTLESS SPIRIT SIMPLY SETS ITS SIGHTS ON A MORTAL BEING.

...SO IT WAS LIKE, THE WHOLE ROOM WAS SALTED...? AND AFTER A FEW SECONDS, THE FURNITURE STOPPED SHAKING!

AND THEN MR. SERIZAWA... HE'S THE BOSS'S ASSISTANT, WHO WAS LOOKING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION... SUDDENLY SMILED, AND SAID..."*IT'S OVER.*"

...AND THEN SUDDENLY, ALL THE FURNITURE IN THE APARTMENT STARTED SHAKING!

AND THEN, MY BOSS? WHAT MY BOSS DID, WAS HE TOOK THIS SALT OUT OF HIS JACKET...? AND SPRINKLED IT ALL AROUND...?

BUT SOMETIMES AT THE SITE OF AN EXORCISM, I'VE HEARD WHAT SEEMED TO BE A...MOANING VOICE? I DON'T REALLY KNOW IF IT'S GHOSTS OR EARTHQUAKES, BUT I'VE EXPERIENCED THAT PHENOMENON!

ACTU-ALLY, MY BOSS SAYS MILD QUAKES ARE SOME-TIMES A SIGN OF A SPIRIT. SO ARE PASSING TRAINS AND BUSES, APPAR-ENTLY.

EH?

WHOA ...

THE CONSTRUC-TION GUYS WERE SO RELIEVED! THEY'D BEEN PLANNING TO TEAR DOWN THE PLACE...

...BUT EVERY TIME THEY GOT NEAR, THERE WAS THAT POLTER-GEIST!

SO, TOME, CAN *YOU*, LIKE, SEE SPIRITS ?

NO... NOT ME...

THAT'S OFTEN THE CASE WITH SCARY STORIES.

...TOME, UM... MAYBE YOUR BOSS IS A *FAKE?*

WHAT THE...

YUP.

FOR REAL? SO YOU WORK AS A PART-TIME EXORCIST EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN'T SENSE SPIRITS?

HMM... WELL...

...YEAH, I GUESS IT *DOES* KIND OF SOUND LIKE URBAN LEGENDS ...

"I HEARD THIS FROM AN ACQUAINTANCE" OR "THIS HAPPENED TO A FRIEND" ...

THAT'S DUBIOUS INFORMATION.

NOT THAT IT'S NOT INTERESTING, BUT HEARING YOU DESCRIBE IT LIKE THAT, IT FEELS KINDA FISHY...

THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED AT ALL...

HUH?! C'MON! I GOTTA HEAR THE DETAILS!

YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT'S *REALLY SCARY?* OKAY, Y'KNOW AIDA IN CLASS 1, WELL, HER EX-BOYFRIEND IS APPARENTLY A TOTAL STALKER...

MORE IMPORTANTLY...

WELL, ANYWAY... NEXT TIME I'LL BRING SOME PROOF.

...I LOST CONTROL.

I WANTED TO TELL SOMEONE AND JUST BLURTED OUT MY OCCULT TALES AT SCHOOL...

HOT GUYS ...?

AH! GOOD QUES-TION!

...ARE THERE ANY HOT GUYS WHERE YOU WORK?

sigh...

WISH I COULD GET A JOB TOO AND MEET SOME-BODY.

FISHY? THAT SOUNDS KIND OF BAD.

HMM...WELL, SERIZAWA DOESN'T SEEM VERY CONFIDENT, AND MR. REIGEN'S KIND OF FISHY, SO I WONDER.

RIGHT, KURATA?

YOU WOULDN'T KEEP IT FROM THE SCHOOL AND SECRETLY GET A PART-TIME JOB WITHOUT PERMISSION, NOW, WOULD YOU...?

IF YOU WANT A JOB, YOU HAVE TO SUBMIT A PERMIS-SION APPLICA-TION FORM TO THE SCHOOL.

SOR-RY...!

COME TO THE FACULTY ROOM AFTER SCHOOL.

A JOB IS OKAY, BUT YOU NEED TO GET YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND YOUR SUPERVISOR AT WORK TO FILL OUT AND SIGN THE SCHOOL'S PERMISSION FORM.

I'M YOUR HOME-ROOM TEACHER, SO BE HONEST WITH ME.

IT'LL BE TOO LATE AFTER THERE'S TROUBLE.

FACULTY ROOM

WHAT IS THIS JOB YOU'RE DOING ...?

URGH ...

WHAT DO I DO...? THE SCHOOL MAY END UP FORBIDDING ME FROM WORKING...

DO I *HAVE* TO WRITE THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ...?

IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE-- PLACE OF WORK, EMER-GENCY CONTACT DETAILS, NATURE OF THE BUSI-NESS, AND...

...WHY THE GLUM FACE ?

WELL, WHAT IS IT? SAY IT.

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NO! IT'S NOT *WRONG*... I MEAN, IT'S NOT ***SUSPICIOUS*** ...

IS THERE SOME REASON YOU CAN'T? KURATA, IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG ABOUT THIS JOB OF YOURS ...?

UNBELIEV-ABLE... I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE FREQUENT-ING SUCH PLACES TOO.

YES...WELL... SPIRITS AND... SUCH, AS IT WERE. HE ALSO DOES SHIATSU, AND FINDS LOST CATS. ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT STUFF...

A SPIRITU-ALIST?

...??

KURATA. CAN YOU SEE THAT ? IN THE COR-NER.

..."TOO," SIR?

SO... I GOT THIS PRO-TECTIVE CHARM.

EVEN NOW, IT'S STARING RIGHT AT ME.

RECENTLY I'VE BEEN SEEING THIS INDISTINCT FACE... FLOATING IN THE AIR.

HUH?!

EVEN WHEN YOU SLEEP OR SHOWER... YOU MUST NOT TAKE IT OFF.

IF IT LEARNS THAT IT CAN'T TOUCH YOU, THEN THE SPIRIT WILL DISAPPEAR AND VANISH AWAY SOME-WHERE.

STARTING TODAY, PLEASE WEAR THIS AROUND YOUR NECK FOR A WHILE.

IT'S IMBUED WITH THE POWER TO FORCE BACK SPIRITS.

I CON-SULTED A MEDIUM AND HE GAVE ME THIS TALIS-MAN.

IF I WEAR IT CLOSE, THE FACE SHOULDN'T COME ANY CLOSER... THAT'S HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK.

IT DOES SEEM TO BE HAVING AN EFFECT, BUT...

...THAT FACE...

...THAT'S THE FACE OF MY BELOVED TEACHER WHO PASSED AWAY.

TEACHER?! YOUR TEACHER?

LAST NIGHT IT HIT ME.

I REMEMBERED.

...SHE DIED LAST YEAR IN AN ACCIDENT.

LOOKING AT THAT SAD FACE, I GOT TO WONDERING, AND LOOKED UP HER NAME ONLINE...

I WAS RUNNING WILD... DISGUSTED WITH LIFE...BUT I HAD THAT SPLENDID PERSON WATCHING OVER ME, WHO NEVER GAVE UP ON ME.

BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS A GREAT HELP TO ME...SHE WAS ALSO THE ONE THAT INSPIRED ME TO BECOME A TEACHER MYSELF.

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...I... DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

AND THAT'S WHY SHE'S SUDDENLY APPEARED.

SHE WAS ALWAYS SO CARING AND KIND...

NOW I'M WONDERING ...MAYBE MY TEACHER HAS SOME FINAL MESSAGE SHE WANTS TO GIVE ME...?

...I CAN'T ACTUALLY SEE IT.

W-WELL, THAT'S HARD TO ANSWER, BECAUSE ...

YOU'RE A PROFES-SIONAL, KURATA. WHAT'S YOUR OPINION ?

SO MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE THIS OFF.

...AND I WANT... TO THANK HER.

IN FACT, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HER. IT'S BEEN SO LONG...

IF THAT'S MY TEACH-ER, I HAVE NOTH-ING TO FEAR.

AND IF THAT WORKS OUT, YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY JOB, TEACHER!

...IF WE ASK MR. REIGEN, HE MAY BE ABLE TO INTERPRET WHAT THE SPIRIT WANTS TO SAY TO YOU!

blink!

I GOT IT!!

OKAY, OKAY...

JUST GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TEACHER...

...MY BOSS WILL DO A RITUAL TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEAD!!

LET'S DO IT!

HMM...

WELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT, SIR...?!

Spirits & such

YES, SIR...

HAVE YOUR BOSS SIGN TOO.

...BUT I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT FILLING OUT THIS FORM, KURATA. IT'S A SCHOOL RULE.

WHERE'S THIS COMING FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN ...?

AW, I WISH I COULD SEE SPIRITS TOO...!

IT'S LIKE SUDDENLY SENSING THERE'S A BIRD AROUND, OR A STRAY CAT.

IT'S NOT AS INTER-ESTING AS YOU THINK, REALLY.

I WANT TO FEEL THEM LIKE YOU BOTH DO!

I DON'T WANT TO JUST HEAR SUPER-NATURAL THINGS EXPLAINED FROM THE SIDELINES-- I WANT TO EXPERIENCE THEM MYSELF!

OCCULT MYSTERIES ARE NO BIG DEAL TO YOU ANYMORE.

MAYBE FOR YOU, MR. SERIZAWA. BUT YOU'RE A SUPER-HUMAN.

IF YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTEN-TION, MOST OF THE TIME IT'S JUST SOME-THING IN THE BACK-GROUND.

"NATURE OF BUSINESS" ...ER, GHOST CONSULTATION.

YES, BUT I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO WORK HERE, EVEN FOR FREE.

OH, THEY JUST DO THIS TO PROTECT US FROM CORRUPT EMPLOYERS WHO ASK US TO WORK FOR LESS THAN MINIMUM WAGE.

SO I JUST SIGN HERE, RIGHT? YOUR HIGH SCHOOL RULES...

...ARE A HEADACHE.

"IMPROV"...?

WELL, LET'S JUST SEARCH ON HER NAME...

...DO THEY HAVE A WIKIPEDIA PAGE? I COULD PROBABLY GET ENOUGH INFO FROM THAT TO DO A LITTLE IMPROV...

COMMUNICATING WITH THE SPIRIT OF SOMEONE HE USED TO KNOW...

SPEAKING OF WHICH SIR...CAN YOU HELP MY TEACHER...?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

THEN WHO'S HAUNTING HIM, SIR...?

...HE'D HAVE SEEN HIS TEACHER IS RETIRED... AND ALIVE.

BUT IF HE'D ONLY GONE DOWN A FEW MORE PAGES ON THE SEARCH...

...SO HE ASSUMED IT WAS HER.

...HUH. FIRST FEW HITS. THERE WAS A PERSON WITH THE SAME AGE AND NAME AS HIS TEACHER WHO DIED IN AN ACCIDENT...

THE GHOST WILL PROBABLY GET BORED AFTER A WHILE AND GO BOTHER SOMEONE ELSE.

WHY? HE SAID THE CHARM WAS KEEPING IT BACK, DIDN'T HE?

BUT, SIR! THIS IS *TERRIBLE!*

WE NEED TO TELL HIM RIGHT AWAY!!

...ALL RIGHT. BRING HIM HERE TOMOR-ROW.

SERI-ZAWA, ARE YOU AVAILABLE THEN?

YES, SIR. I'LL PUT IT ON THE LIST OF EVENING APPOINT-MENTS.

BUT... BUT... ISN'T IT STILL KINDA *SPOOKY* ...?

TOME... IF YOU INSIST ON TRAVEL-ING THIS DARK PATH...

... THEN BRING YOUR HEAD OVER HERE.

?

W-WELL, THEN, I'LL D-DO SOME-THING MYSELF ...!

BUT... ...CAN'T YOU SEE HIM RIGHT *NOW?!*

I HAVE OTHER CLIENTS TO SEE.

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I'M GOING TO INSTILL MY POWER INTO YOU TEMPO-RARILY...

...!

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PRMB

FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME, I THINK YOU SHOULD BE OKAY... BUT BE CAREFUL ANYWAY.

IT'S SET TO ACTIVATE IN CASE YOU NEED IT.

SEE YA LATER!

CALL IF ANY-THING COMES UP.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO THAT, SIR!

IT...

...IT'S BEEN SO LONG!

ER...

HMM ...

HER FACE ...

...HER HAIR... IT'S DEFI-NITELY HER!

TEACHER!

PLEASE COME CLOSER ...

...I'M SURE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME...

I SEE... YOU CAN'T COME NEARER BECAUSE OF THIS TALISMAN ...BUT I DON'T NEED IT ANY-MORE...

...NOT IF IT'S YOU.

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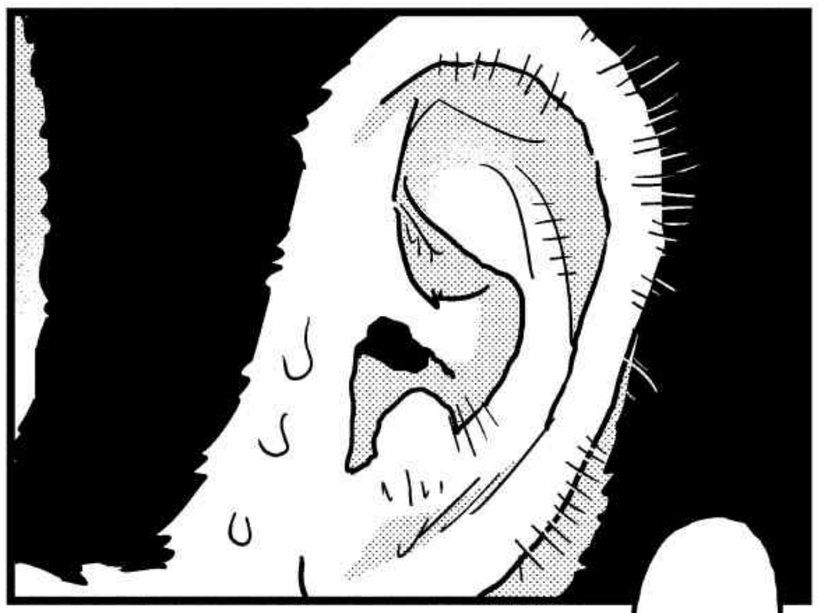
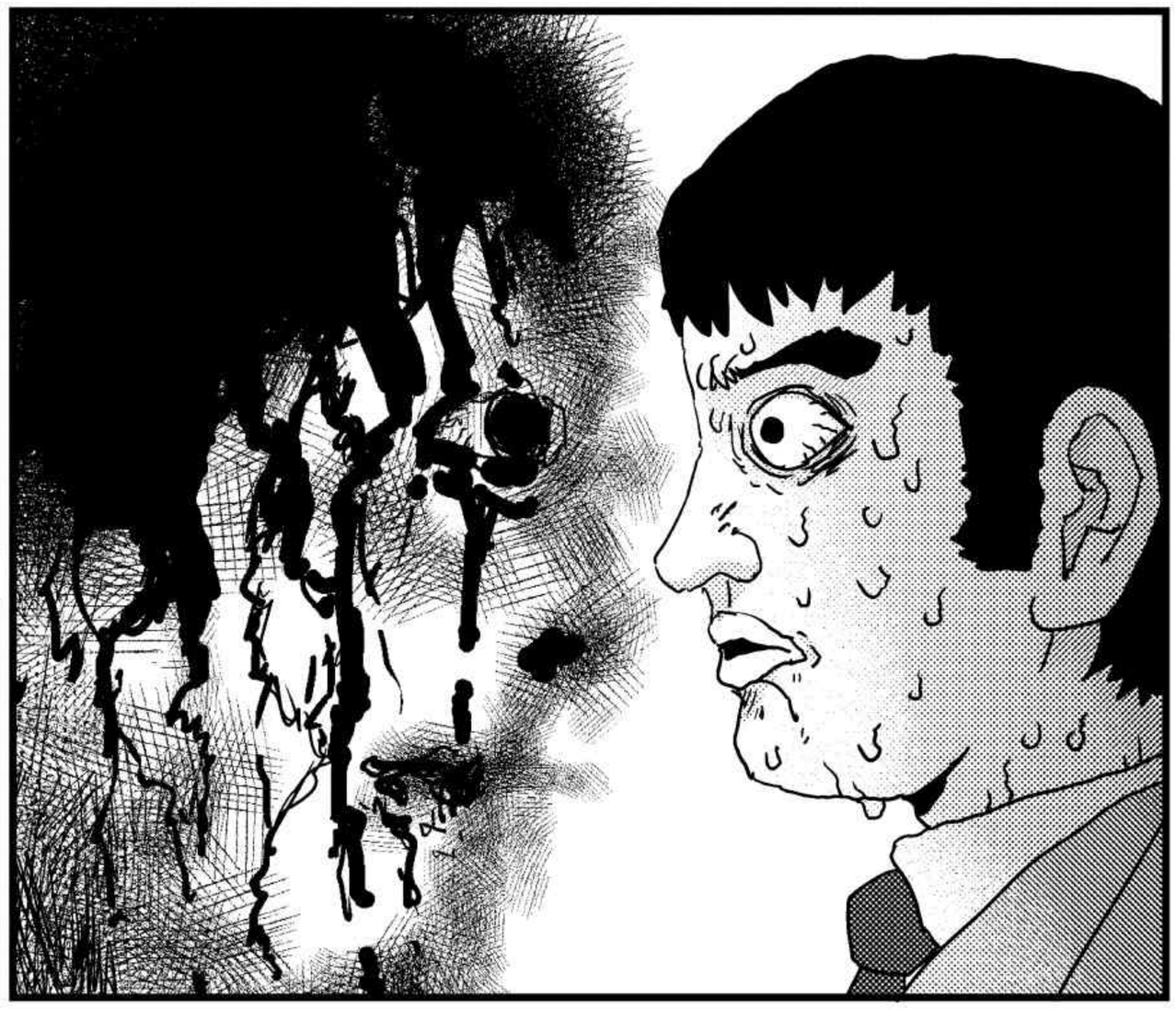
...it's not you.

Can't breathe...

My talisman...





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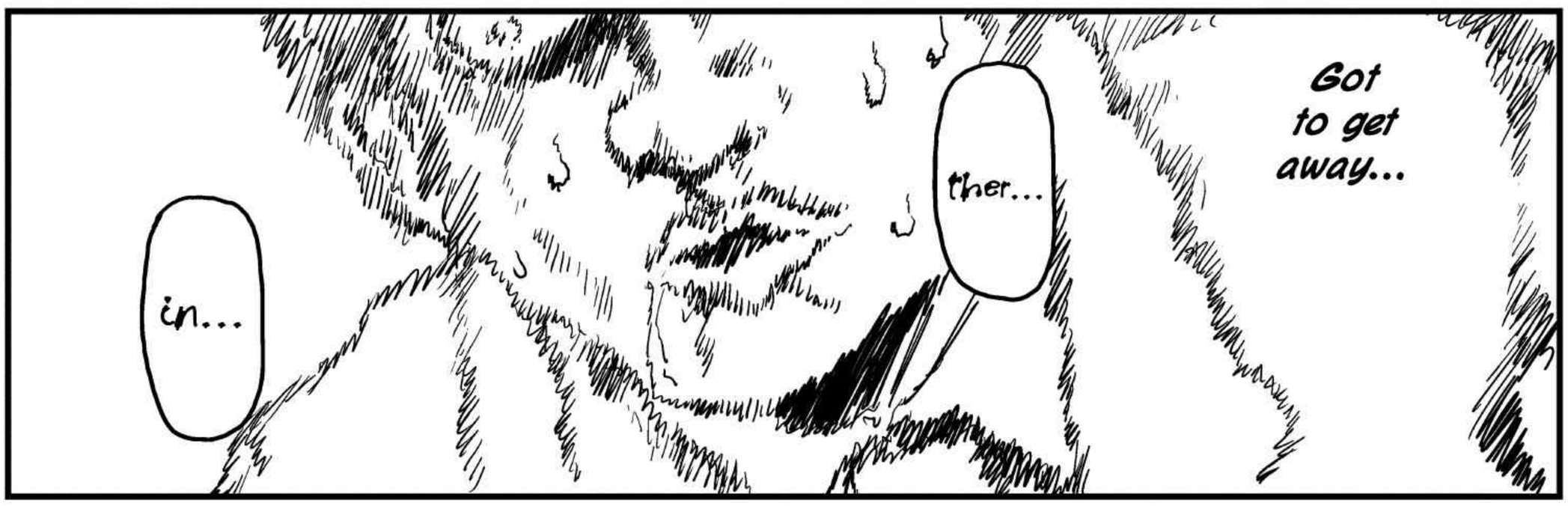
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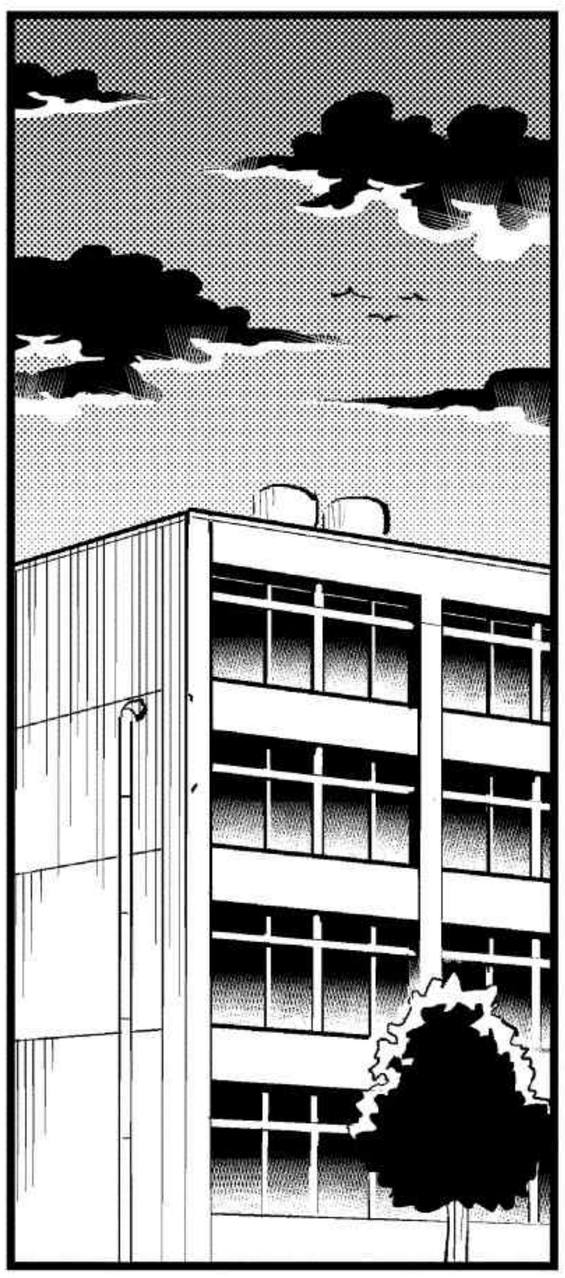

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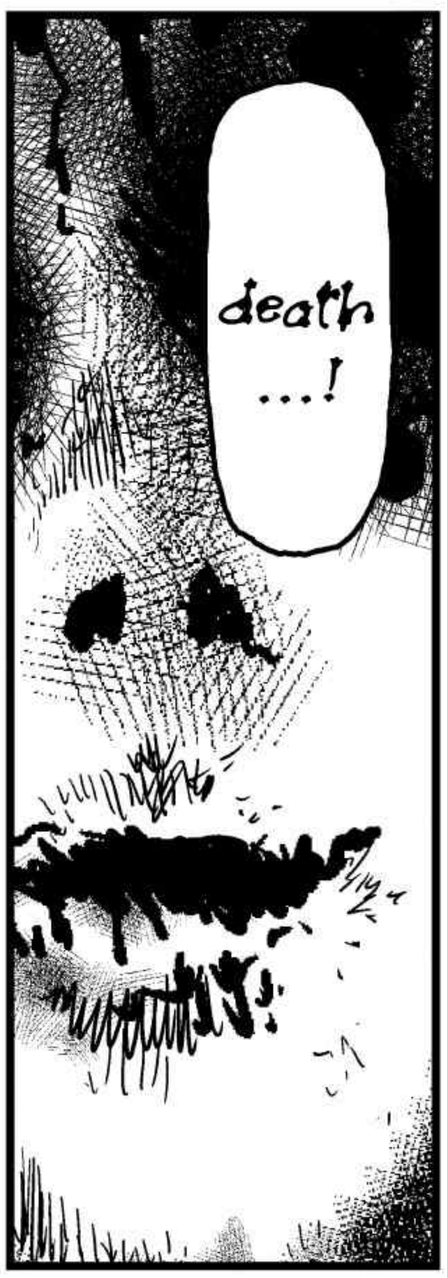
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...YOU NEED TO HOLD ONTO THAT CHARM...

BUT, UM, I GUESS THAT MEANS ...

GOOD NEWS, SIR! YOUR TEACHER IS STILL ALIVE!

SIR !!!

...

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UH...

UM... SIR?

To- gether ...

SIR !!

THAT WAY'S THE ROOF !

...let's die.

To- gether in death ...

...!

NO ...!

S-
SOME-
BODY
HELP...

THIS IS
BAD...

Die...

Die...

Die
...!

...AW, JUST SHUT THE HELL UP, YOU LOW-RENT SPOOK!!!

I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE WITH YOU, ASS-HOLE ...!

SO BEAT IT!!!

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Chomp!

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urrrrp!
D-DID YOU JUST SEE THAT, SIR?
I SAW SOME-THING... A WEIRD GREEN THING...
...
KURATA ...WHAT-EVER YOU'RE DOING, IT'S REAL. YOU SAVED ME.
THANK YOU.
NO PROB-LEM, SIR!
AND HERE'S THE FORM THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO APPROVE MY WORK.
YOU'D BETTER KEEP IT, KURATA. I GET IT... BUT THE ADMINIS-TRATION WON'T.
JUST FROM NOW ON, BE MORE CAREFUL BLABBING IN CLASS ABOUT YOUR PART-TIME JOB.

HEY! DON'T GET FAMIL-IAR WITH ME!

WELL, I JUDGED THAT I COULD HAVE FAITH IN MY EXCELLENT FAMILIAR.

Spirits & such

...YOU'D BE IN DEEP SHIT!

"IT'S SET TO ACTIVATE IN CASE YOU NEED IT"...?!? IF I HADN'T BEEN THERE TO STEP IN...

I UNDERSTAND THAT SHE'S A WANNABE WHO BARGES IN HERE, BUT YOU GOTTA PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN. TO BE BLUNT, SHE'S A LIABILITY FOR YOU.

ISN'T IT KIND OF CRAZY LETTING A SCHOOLGIRL WITH *NO* POWERS WORK AS YOUR ASSISTANT ...?

...LOOK. YOU'RE A FRAUD, BUT YOU'RE A *LEVEL-HEADED* FRAUD, AREN'T YOU...?

CATCH IT!!!

AH! THERE IT IS, MR. REIGEN!!

FIRE HER? I NEVER EVEN *HIRED* HER.

HURRY UP AND FIRE HER.

DON'T MOVE, YOU!!

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TAKE THIS !!!

...?

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whoosh!

ACK! IT GOT AWAY!

THIS IS THE FIRST SPIRIT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SEE, MR. REIGEN!!

UM... WHAT ARE YOU...

YOU KNOW HOW YOGURT HAS LACTIC BACTERIA CULTURES, SIR? THEY FIGHT *HARMFUL* BACTERIA !!

SO I THINK, IF WE CATCH THIS YOGURT SPIRIT AND TRAIN IT, MAYBE IT COULD HELP US OUT, LIKE A GUARD DOG!

OH, THIS IS AN ENTIRELY NEW LEVEL OF DISRE-SPECT.

THAT FREAK! THAT FREAK ATE AN EVIL SPIRIT! I'VE FIGURED IT ALL OUT, SIR!

...

...GOOD PLAN, HUH, DIMPLE?

HURRY UP AND *FIRE* HER!

spirits & such

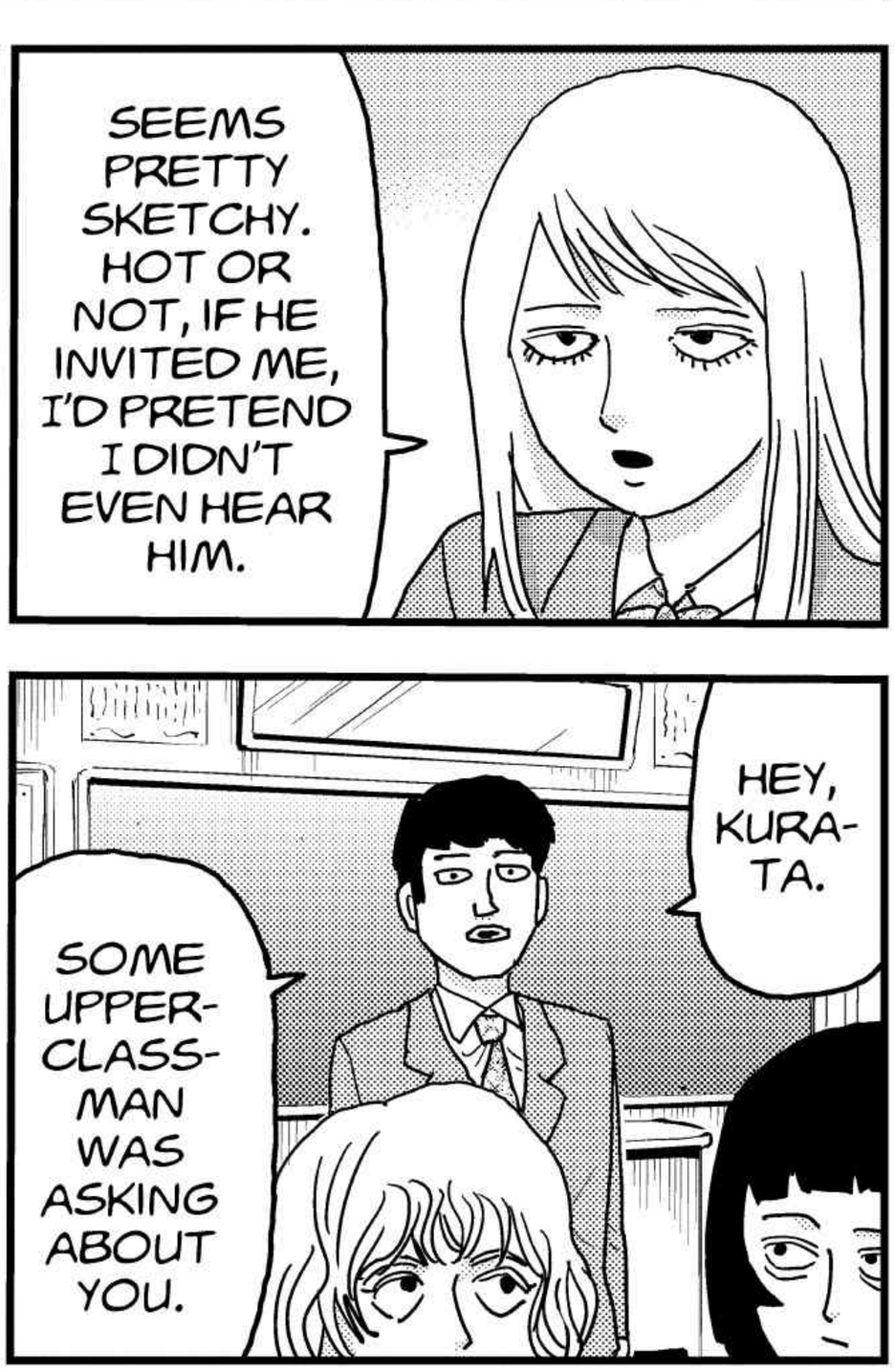
whamm! krashh! バタ バタ bammm!

Cheap N' Tasty
TABLE SALT

#4 ROSHUTO

DID YOU HEAR THE NASTY RUMOR ABOUT HOSHI-DA?
HUH? NO. WHAT IS IT?
YOU MEAN THAT HOT DUDE?
THE POPU-LAR ONE?
YEAH, THE SENIOR. THEY SAY HE GETS FRIENDLY WITH GIRLS, THEN TAKES THEM TO DARK PLACES WITH NO PEOPLE AROUND.
LIKE, HE TAKES THEM INTO THE MOUNTAINS ON A FIRST DATE AND STUFF.
FOR REAL?
UH-OH.
SOMEONE TRIED TO GET ME TO GO SOME-WHERE AT NIGHT ONCE.
I SAID NO, OKAY ...?

...HAHHH? ME?
UNNNNNNNN
BUT I DON'T KNOW ANY UPPER-CLASSMEN...


SEEMS PRETTY SKETCHY. HOT OR NOT, IF HE INVITED ME, I'D PRETEND I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR HIM.
HEY, KURA-TA.
SOME UPPER-CLASS-MAN WAS ASKING ABOUT YOU.

I'M HOSHIDA... GRADE 12, CLASS 1.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

OH, HELLO.

ARE YOU MISS KURATA?

UM, WHY DID YOU NOTICE ME, SENPAI...?

...THAT I SIMPLY WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU.

WELL... YOU MIGHT SAY...

WAY TO GO, TOME ...!

I'M ASKING FOR IDEAS.

WE'D BETTER FIGURE OUT *SOME-THING*, OR THINGS WILL ONLY GET WORSE.

SO HOW DO WE GET TOME TO STAY AWAY FROM OUR OFFICE ...?

spirits & such

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE, THE WAY YOU ALLOW A LAYMAN TO HANG OUT HERE...?

...

WE BATTLE DARK POWERS ON THE REGULAR... WHO KNOWS WHAT TERRIBLE THING MIGHT END UP HAPPENING TO HER?

...

I *MEAN*, *YOU'RE* A LAYMAN TOO, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF *WE* DID THE SCARING ...?

TO BE SURE, THERE WILL BE MORE DANGER.

I DON'T WANT TO PUT DOWN HER SELF-ESTEEM BY SIMPLY SAYING IT'S NO PLACE FOR HER...

...BUT EVEN WITHOUT PHYSICAL HURT, AN EVIL SPIRIT CAN DO PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE...

KEEP THE SCARE UNDER CONTROL, HUH? IT MIGHT WORK. AND THE OTHER DAY, IN BROAD DAYLIGHT...

...I SAW HER SHOW FEAR.

IMAGINE BEING UNABLE TO AVERT YOUR EYES FROM...!

SIR...?

SAY, MR. REIGEN!

NOW THAT I CAN SEE GHOSTS TOO, I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP OUT IN AN EXORCISM, RIGHT?

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B-B-*BEHIND*...!

flap! パタパタ flap!

WELL, THE ONLY ONE YOU CAN SEE IS DIMPLE, AND UNLIKE YOU, HE *IS* AN EMPLOYEE. LET ME TELL YOU...

...YOU'RE BETTER OFF ***NOT*** BEING ABLE TO SEE GHOSTS.

YES, IT KEPT COMING OUT OF ITS BEHIND ...

REIGEN! I'M BEING SERIOUS!

gasp!

EH ?!

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ALL RIGHT, DOG POOP, WHAT-EVER!

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME WAY TO SHOCK HER INTO NOT WANTING TO BE AROUND OUR BUSINESS ANYMORE.

HELL, EVEN I WAS SCARED. IT WAS LIKE A TRANS-PACIFIC CABLE.

whew

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I JUST NEED TO HAVE A PROPER TALK WITH HER.

THE WAY I LOOK AT IT, MY JOB IS *GETTING RID* OF THAT KIND OF FEAR...

... YEAH, I DON'T BUT REALLY NO. *WANT* TO DO ANYTHING TO FRIGHTEN SOMEONE, EVEN IN A GOOD CAUSE.

EVIDENTLY YOUR CONSCIENCE WAS DEEPLY SHAKEN BY THAT DOG POOP INCIDENT.

GOOD AFTER-NOON!

HEY...

HMM? WHO'S THIS?

DID YOU BRING A CLIENT FROM SCHOOL ...?

step

NICE TO MEET YOU.

Spirits & such

SO, HAS THIS GUY WOOED YOU?

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THIS IS *QUITE* A STORY!

ER... WOO... NO, SIR. HE PERHAPS HASN'T WOOED ME IN THE STRICT SENSE OF THE TERM... HE JUST SAID HE WANTED TO HAVE A CHAT SOMEWHERE AFTER CLASS...

...SEE, HOSHIDA IS THE MOST POPULAR BOY AMONG THE GIRLS AT MY SCHOOL.

BUT, TOME, HE'S SUCH A HAND-SOME DUDE!

COULDN'T YOU HAVE TAKEN HIM TO A NICER PLACE ...?

I MEAN, WE'RE IN MID-DATE, EVEN AS I SPEAK. SO I THOUGHT I'D TAKE HIM ALONG TO THE OFFICE.

...I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM, BUT IT SEEMS SUDDENLY WE'RE ON A DATE.

THING IS...

*REIGEN... THIS IS **IT**!*

WHAT IS...?

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OF COURSE. AND IF SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND, SHE'LL HAVE LESS FREE TIME TOO...

...WE SHOULD ENCOUR-AGE IT... IF HE'S A GOOD GUY.

IF THINGS GO WELL WITH THIS HOSHIDA FELLOW AND THEY FALL IN LOVE...

...WON'T SHE FORGET ABOUT ALL THAT GLOOMY OCCULT STUFF? THAT'S A MUCH BETTER PLAN THAN SCARING HER OFF.

SERIZAWA'S PICKED UP ON THE PLAN ALREADY!

SO, TOME! WHAT'S HE LIKE...?

HUH?

...WAIT. I HEARD SOME NASTY RUMORS ABOUT YOU.

YOU DID? LIKE WHAT?

WELL, WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT EACH OTHER YET...

EH? WHAT FOR ...?

...OH, RIGHT. SOME-THING ABOUT YOU TAKING GIRLS TO DARK PLACES.

UM...I WAS KINDA SLEEPING IN CLASS, SO I FORGOT THE DETAILS...

HEY! YOU AIN'T HER DAD, YOU KNOW. CUT THEM SOME SLACK... THEY'RE A YOUNG COUPLE.

HOSHIDA, ARE YOUR INTENTIONS ENTIRELY HONOR-ABLE...?

WHAT FOR? WELL... YEAH! WHAT FOR?

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MY ONLY WISH IS TO...

S-SIR! YOU MIS-UNDER-STAND ...!

...TAKE HER TO SOME-PLACE HAUNTED !!!

...

Our plan seems to have backfired in an unexpected fashion.

...EVER SINCE I WAS A KID, I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING ON MY OWN...TRYING TO TAKE PICTURES OF GHOSTS, OR CALLING ALIENS ON MY CELL PHONE, OR DIGGING IN MY BACK YARD FOR REMNANTS OF LOST CIVILIZA-TIONS...

UNTIL NOW, I HAVEN'T REALLY MET ANYONE LIKE ME...

YOU SEE, MY NAME IS ORIGO HOSHIDA... AND I'M INTER-ESTED IN THE PARA-NORMAL, TOO.

...BUT RECENTLY I HEARD SOME RUMORS ABOUT *YOU*, MISS KURATA.

AND YOU'RE MISS KURATA'S MENTOR, AREN'T YOU, SIR...?

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M THE SECRE-TARY HERE.

THAT YOU ALSO LIKE WEIRD STUFF...AND THAT YOU EVEN HAVE A JOB ALREADY AT A *SPIRIT MEDIUM*...!

I'M NOT ACTUALLY HER MENTOR...

...BUT YOU'RE A FINE, UPSTANDING YOUNG MAN.

bow

I KNOW OF YOU, SIR.

YOU KNOW ME?

MISS KURATA... WE MAY REALLY BE TWO OF A KIND.

grin

heh

heh

heh

SEE, I'M LIKE YOU IN AN-OTHER WAY...

...I'VE GOT A SPIRIT MEDIUM MENTOR OF MY OWN I'M ALWAYS HANGING AROUND!

I WAS ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT INTRODUCING YOU TO MY MENTOR, SIR. HE'S NOT FAR AWAY...

I'M SORRY, HOSHIDA, BUT BUSINESS CALLS. PERHAPS ANOTHER TIME...

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HE'S--

OH, SOUNDS LIKE A CLIENT...

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...ORIGO.

MAS-TER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ...?!

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I HAD A BAD PREMONITION ABOUT THIS.

I MERELY FOL-LOWED THE TRACES OF YOUR AURA.

AND WHO ARE YOU ...?

BUT...

...YOU'RE REALLY JUST A PHONY, RIGHT?

Spirits & such

I SAW YOUR AD.

YOU'VE GOT SOME BRASS, ASSUM-ING SUCH AN EMBAR-RASSING TITLE...

REIGEN ARATAKA

NEW STAR OF THE 21ST CENTURY!!!

I AM DOZEN ROSHUTO... THE GREATEST PSYCHIC IN THIS SOLAR SYSTEM.

INDEED, WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IS BUT THE TINY FRACTION YOUR EYES COULD BEAR OF A FEARFUL POTENCY.

THE RADIANT INVISIBLE SUN OF SPIRITUAL ENERGY! IT IS AROUND I THAT THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH REVOLVE!

...OH, AND YOU MUST BE MISS KURATA. ORIGO HAS TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU.

I UNDER-STAND YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT THE SPIRIT WORLD ...?

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WELL, THEN! WHY NOT LEAVE THIS DUMP BEHIND, AND COME WORK FOR **ME**, WHO POSSESSES **REAL POWER**...?

FOLLOWED THE TRACES OF ORIGO'S AURA HERE, YOU SAID? I SAY YOU SAW HIM ON THE STREET AND SIMPLY TAILED HIM. NO PSYCHIC POWERS REQUIRED.

I BEG YOUR PAR-DON ...?

HAW HAW! YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO TALK A BETTER GAME THAN THAT!

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...REALLY, THIS IS MOST TEDIOUS.

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EH...?

...OH, AND MY MAN SERIZAWA THERE... HE'S A 114.

NOW, AS FOR ME, MY PSYCHIC INDEX RATIO IS 131...!

AND BABY, THAT'S COLD.

COME ON, PAL. I CAN READ YOUR SPIRIT POWER LIKE A THERMO-METER. I CAN SEE IT'S NO MORE THAN... 15!

THAT WOULD BE GODLY POWER. THE KIND YOU CAN'T EVEN COMPRE-HEND.

YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH REVOLVING AROUND YOU? WELL, ASK YOURSELF-- WHO MAKES THAT BIG OL' UNIVERSE?

I'M AMAZED YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY WORK DONE LIKE THAT!

...WHEN IT COMES TO HOW *BROKEN* YOUR PSYCHIC SENSOR IS!

HEH...! THAT IS A CON-CERN...

AND *MY* RATIO IS IS?

YOU TWO ARE OVER 100...

I'LL JUST HAVE TO LOOK IT UP ON WIKIPEDIA LATER.

THIS REIGEN GUY'S A WORRY... I MEAN, HE KNOWS LINGO I DON'T...

WHAT THE HELL IS A "*PSYCHIC INDEX RATIO*" ...?

IS IT SOME-THING LIKE YOUR POWER LEVEL ...?

JUDGING BY YOUR WORN CARPET AND SEEDY DÉCOR, I GATHER YOU DON'T FRET ABOUT HAVING TO GREET ANY VIPS IN HERE...

AZUMA, THE FAMOUS PERFORMER? YES, HIM TOO. HE HAS GREAT FAITH IN MY SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

I REFER TO MY *CLIENTELE*... WHICH INCLUDES MR. MITARAI, CEO OF DOEM PHARMA-CEUTI-CALS.

IF YOU'RE SAYING WE'RE OF DIFFERENT LEVELS, THEN WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT MY CONNEC-TIONS, PREPARE TO BE SHOCKED.

CON-NEC-TIONS ?

...RIGHT, SIR.

DID HE HIT A SORE SPOT?

R-RIGHT, S-SERI-ZAWA ...?!

EVEN IF MY EARNINGS ARE MEAGER, SEEING THE SMILES OF MY CLIENTS IS ENOUGH...

HMF... LAME.

WHEN YOUR BUSINESS SATISFACTION DEPENDS ON RICH REGULARS, IT ONLY SHOWS THE POVERTY OF YOUR HEART.

OTHER SPIRITUAL MEDIUMS OF MY ACQUAINTANCE ARE BO UMAI, TETSUYA KYOMOTO, AND UGO TORIMAKI...DO THE NAMES MEAN NOTHING TO YOU?

I AM ORBITED NOT JUST BY MONEY, BUT BY POWER. MY SOCIAL CIRCLE INCLUDES SUCH FELLOW PSYCHICS AS TOHRU AMEMURA AND MORIZO EBIHARA...YES, SHOULD I REQUIRE THEM, EVEN EKO BIG, TOSHIN NATSUAKI, AND IGGY OSAKI ARE READY TO ANSWER MY CALL.

WHEN I NEED HELP, I HAVE PEOPLE, TOO.

NOT TOO POPULAR WITH THE LADIES, ARE YOU?

I CANNOT SENSE A SINGLE SOLITARY ATOM OF CHARISMA COMING FROM YOU. YOUR SUIT IS CHEAP, AND GETTING A BIT SHINY.

THESE ARE THE CARDS THAT BACK ME--THE BOON COMPAN-IONS GATHERED BY MY CENTRI-PETAL FORCE.

THEN THERE'S *TERUKI HANA-ZAWA!*

PSYCHIC AS *ANY-THING* !!

I'VE GOT THE KAGE-YAMA BROS ON MY TEAM...

...*SHIGEO AND RITSU* !!

PSYCHIC *SUPER-STARS* WHO CAN PERFORM ANY EXOR-CISM !!!

ER... ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS GIVE THEM A CALL, AND THEY COME RUNNING...

...*AND TAKE-NAKA* !

AND THEN FOR *BACK-UP*, I'VE GOT...

...NAMES LIKE *HO-SHINO, ASAHI*...

IN *SCHOOL?* HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS LIKE ORIGO HERE...?

WELL, YOU COULD JUST ASK THEM SOME-TIMES... THEY HANG AROUND THE OFFICE.

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF *ANY* OF THOSE NAMES.

UM, NO... JUNIOR HIGH.

AS FOR THEIR WORK... THEY'RE STILL IN SCHOOL RIGHT NOW.

WHAT ARE THEIR PSYCHIC DISCI-PLINES? WHAT'S THEIR FIELD OF WORK?

YOUR *INTERNS* ...?

YOU *CAN'T* BE FOR REAL.

JUNIOR ...?

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS ...?

HA HA HA HA HA !!!

YOUR... *gasp!* SO-CALLED PSYCHIC "PARTNERS" ARE ALL ***wheeze!*** *LITTLE KIDS...?*

THIS ISN'T AN *AGENCY*... IT'S A *CLUB-HOUSE!!!*

SAY, NOW.

WOULDN'T *YOU* LIKE TO BE ROSHUTO-SENSEI'S DISCIPLE, TOO...?

WHAT IS IT WITH THESE GUYS ...?

Snake Snake Snake Snake Snake

YES, I'M **SURE** THERE ARE PLENTY OF COOL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WHO MAKE GOOD RECRUITERS...

...FOR GOOD **CON-MEN.**

THAT WILL DO.

HE RUNS AN EXCLUSIVE, MEMBERS-ONLY ADVISORY PRACTICE ON PSYCHIC INCIDENTS. IT'S A GENDER-BALANCED OFFICE IN A STYLISH AREA...

WELL, UM, I...

CON-MEN? AFRAID OF A **RIVAL FIRM?** WHY NOT LET HER SEE FOR HER-SELF...?

ON FRIDAY, THEY'RE HOSTING A TRAINING RETREAT FOR PSYCHICS FROM ALL OVER JAPAN.

THE ORGAN-IZERS ARE THE TOP OF THE FIELD...

THEY'RE GOING TO DEMO NEW **POWERS!** ROSHUTO-SENSEI'S BEEN INVITED... AND I'M COMING ALONG.

AND IF YOU LIKE, YOU CAN COME ALONG TOO.

...!

...I **WOULD** LIKE TO GO WITH YOU...

BUT... MR. REIGEN...

...THE CHOICE IS UP TO YOU, TOME.

"WRRROOOOM..."

"VRRMM..."

OKAY, FOLLOW THAT CAR.

...YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, SERI-ZAWA?

MAYBE TOME'S JUST GOING TO HAVE SOME HARMLESS FUN AT THIS EVENT, BUT...

UM...

...SO WHY ARE WE TAILING HER...?

YEAH... I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT HER.

WE SHOULD BACK HER UP... WE'RE HER COLLEAGUES, AFTER ALL.

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LOTS OF PEO-PLE.

A BUNCH OF MEDIUMS.

DIMPLE, HIDE.

WELL, HERE WE ARE UP IN THE STICKS AGAIN...

8TH UNITED EXORCISM MEET

HOSTED BY SUN PSYCHIC UNION

...OH! IT'S MR. REIGEN!

YOU KNOW THEM?

THE SUN PSYCHIC UNION ...

IT'S A PSYCHIC INDUSTRY GROUP, RUN BY AN UN-PLEASANT OLD MAN.

I'VE RUN INTO HIM.

YOU CAME TOO, SIR...?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

LET ME WARN YOU-- ANY FURTHER IS TRES-PASSING.

EH...?!

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THERE YOU ARE, OL' BUDDY!

LONG TIME NO SEE!

THIS EVENT IS BY INVITATION ONLY. YOU HAVE NO CONNEC-TION TO US.

OUT-SIDERS LIKE YOUR-SELF--

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I WANNA DO A LITTLE NET-WORK-ING, SEE.
SAY, CAN YOU PUT ME ON THE GUEST LIST, SHINRA ?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
REIGEN ?!
SO HE AND BANSHOMARU SHINRA KNOW EACH OTHER...? I GUESS HE DOES HAVE CONTACTS BEYOND JUNIOR HIGH...
SO SOME-ONE YOU KNOW IS HERE ?
SORT OF.
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU! WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NING?
HEY, DON'T SLAN-DER ME...
AH! MR. JODO!!
MR. JODO! WHAT AN HONOR TO SEE YOU, SIR!
...IT'S MR. JODO !

HM?

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MR. JODO. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

DOZEN RO-SHUTO.

MM.

TIME AND AGAIN, I'VE TRIED TO KEEP YOU OUT OF THIS INDUSTRY, AND YET YOU JUST DON'T GO AWAY, DO YOU...?

HMPH!

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

REIGEN ...OH, NO... THIS IS THE WORST.

IT'S BEEN SAID, MANY TIMES, MANY WAYS, BUT...

MY MAXI-MUM IS, UH... 200!

EVEN IF REIGEN GIVES IT ALL HE'S GOT, HIS PSYCHIC INDEX RATIO IS 131 AT THE MOST!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SIR! ONE DAY, I'LL DOMINATE SEASONING CITY SO THAT PEOPLE LIKE HIM WON'T BE IN BUSINESS ANYMORE!

ER... YES.

WELL, THEN. WE'LL TALK LATER.

DO WE NEED TO RAMBLE ON? LET'S JUST ALL WALK IN.

...TO TAKE REIGEN UNDER YOUR PATRONAGE WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME. PLEASE LEAVE HIM TO ME.

OF COURSE, *YOUR* PSYCHIC INDEX RATIO, MR. JODO, MUST BE A SUM THE LIKES OF US COULD NEVER REACH...

...SHIT! AM I THE ONLY ONE HERE WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT IS...?

AND I CALLED EVERY-ONE HERE TO SHOW THEM MY POWER...

WHAT THE HELL IS A "PSY-CHIC INDEX RATIO" ...?

I'LL HAVE TO GOOGLE IT LATER...

REMAIN ALERT AS YOU RECEIVE THE RARE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING MR. KIRIN JODO'S POWERS IN ACTION!

AS A TECHNICAL DEMON-STRATION, THE SUN PSYCHIC UNION PRESIDENT WILL PERSONALLY PERFORM AN EXORCISM TO DISPEL THE EVIL THAT HAUNTS IT!

WE ARE NOW ENTERING THE ***FORBID-DEN GROUND***!

ATTEN-TION!

WELL, IT'S JUST WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE. IT'S AN AREA THAT'S TABOO TO ENTER.

WHAT IS THIS "FORBID-DEN GROUND" ...?

WE'RE GOING TO SEE SOME-THING AMAZING!

HOW GREAT, MISS KURA-TA!

IF I'D KNOWN HE WASN'T GOING TO SHUT UP ABOUT IT, I'D NEVER HAVE INVENTED THAT PHRASE.

PSYCHIC INDEX RATIOS ARE VERY IMPOR-TANT, YES, BUT THERE'S MORE TO THIS BUSI-NESS.

REIGEN, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE FAILED TO ADE-QUATELY EDUCATE YOUR ASSIS-TANT?

AND WHY IS IT TABOO TO ENTER ...?

THIS PLACE IS NOT UNIQUE...THERE ARE OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD WHERE CUSTOM FORBIDS THE ORDINARY PERSON TO ENTER. FOR WHATEVER REASON, IT'S A PLACE THAT'S DANGEROUS.

THE FORBIDDEN GROUND MR. JODO IS ABOUT TO EXORCISE IS SAID TO BE AN AREA IN THESE MOUNTAINS ABANDONED BY ANY HUMAN RESIDENTS LONG AGO...

ACCORDING TO LOCAL FOLKLORE... IF YOU DO HAPPEN TO END UP INSIDE IT..."NO MATTER WHAT... YOU MUST NOT LOOK BEHIND YOU..."

"...OR YOU'LL END UP SEEING SOME-THING TERRIFY-ING."

THAT SEEMS KINDA SCARY...

WELL, WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY GOING *IN* THERE. JUST TO THE EDGE. SO WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT, SEE?

BOY, I CAN'T WAIT!

SO BE CAREFUL!

HE SOUNDS LIKE HE **WANTS** TO GO IN...

EVERY-ONE, STOP.

WE'RE HERE.

...BUT HEED THE WARNING! YOU MUST GO NO FARTHER THAN THIS POINT...

IF YOU END UP CURSED, THE BLAME LIES WITH NONE BUT YOU!

NO ENTRY

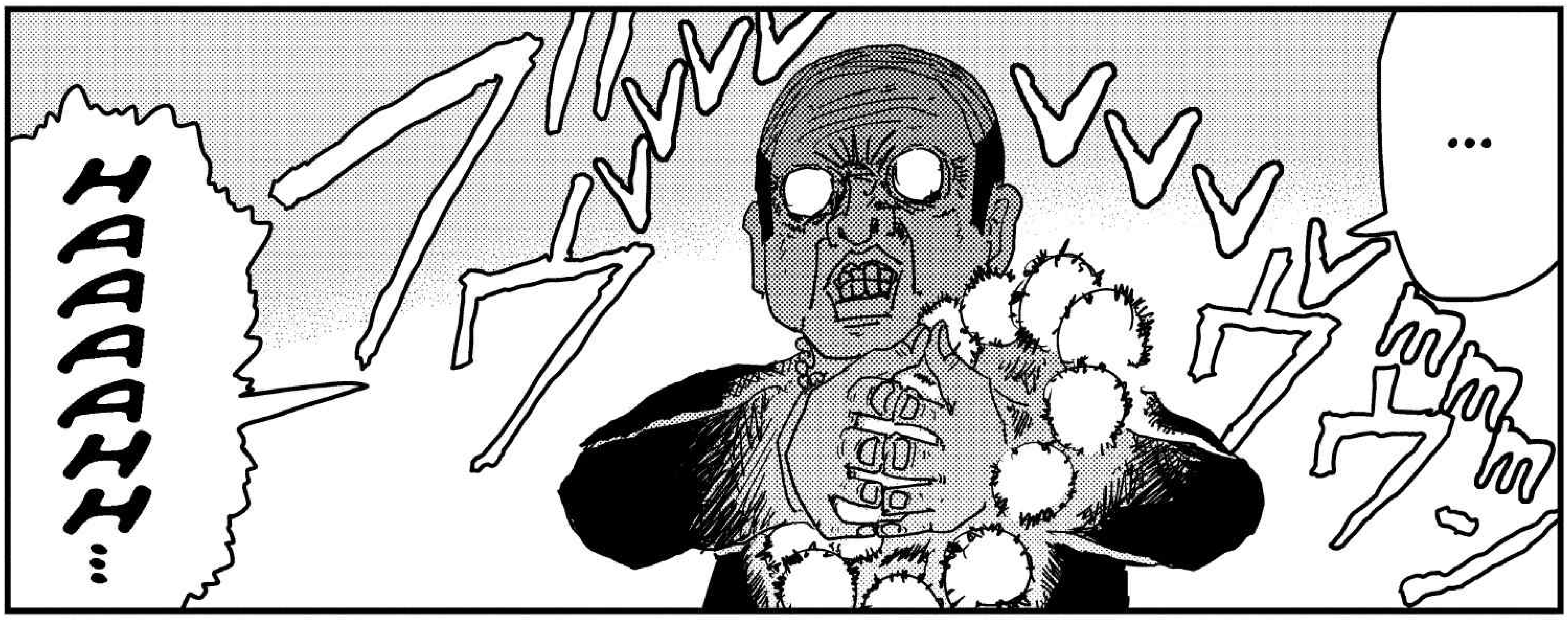
BEHOLD THE PLACE KNOWN AS "RELI-ANCE"! A DARK WONDER OF THE SUPER-NATU-RAL WORLD ...!

THE FOREST BEHIND THOSE WARDS COMPRISES ONE OF THE THREE LARGEST FORBIDDEN GROUNDS ON EARTH! EVEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT POWER LIES UPON IT...

NOW, THEN, MR. JODO ...

...IF YOU WOULD PRO-CEED.

YES...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OOOOH...!

...IT IS DONE.

AND SO...

...AND BEYOND THE LINE...?

UM...

BUT THANKS TO THE CLEANSING FORCE OF MY EXORCISM, IT IS NOW SAFE TO APPROACH TO *THIS* LINE.

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BEFORE THE RITUAL YOU HAVE JUST BEHELD, ONE DARED APPROACH THE FORBIDDEN GROUND NO CLOSER THAN *THIS* LINE.

THIS IS KINDA... DISAP-POINTING ...

PER-HAPS IN YOUR LIFE-TIME... EVEN A WHOLE METER !

WE RECLAIM GROUND AGAINST THE ENEMY CENTI-METER BY CENTI-METER.

NO ENTRY

IT REMAINS *DANGER-OUS!*

THE BATTLE AGAINST EVIL IS LIKE THE TRENCH WARFARE OF A CENTURY PAST.

...OVER HERE!

MR. ROSHUTO...?

HEY, ORI-GO!

COME LOOK AT THIS. THIS IS INTER-ESTING.

BUT I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD, HOSHI-DA...!

STOP!

IF MR. ROSHUTO SAYS IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.

...ISN'T THAT INTO THE DANGER AREA...?

HO-SHIDA...! UM, WAIT...

...

MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PLACE A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY.

YOU KNOW, IT *DID* OCCUR TO ME THAT IF PEOPLE CAN'T COME HERE, AT LEAST IT'S GOOD FOR THE BIRDS AND FLOW-ERS...

SIR! I'M ON MY WAY!

HOSHIDA! AT LEAST DON'T GO BY YOUR...

HEY! OVER HERE, ORIGO!

HURRY UP! COME HERE!

...!

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YEAH... IT WAS...

WOW! THAT WAS AMAZ-ING!

MR. JODO AT HIS FINEST.

THE SPIRITUAL POWER HE CAN GENER-ATE...!

...WHERE'S TOME?

WHAT? THE SHOW'S OVER. AND IT SUCKED.

THE GROUPIES ARE TAKING OFF, TOO.

HEY, REIGEN! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM !!!

THEY FELL DOWN A SLOPE... SOME-WHERE INSIDE...!

AS I WAS TRYING TO SAY...TOME AND HOSHIDA GOT LURED INTO THE FORBIDDEN GROUND!

WE NEED TO GO GET THEM, RIGHT NOW!

SERIZAWA, LET'S GO!!

WHAT ...?!

HEY! ROSHUTO! DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE JUST SAID...?!

EH?

WHAT *WHO* SAID...?

HUH? HE WAS *SHOUTING!* IT WAS SO LOUD...

...

LISTEN, HOSHIDA... DID YOU REALLY HEAR MR. ROSHUTO'S VOICE?

OW...

...WE SLID DOWN PRETTY FAR.

WEIRD... I DON'T HEAR MR. ROSHUTO ANY-MORE.

NO MATTER WHAT... YOU MUST NOT LOOK *BEHIND* YOU!

MISS KURATA! WHOA!! HAVE YOU FOR-GOTTEN THE *FOLK-LORE?*

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I THINK WE SHOULD RETURN.

LET'S TURN BACK THE WAY WE...

...TOME ?

SO... WHAT DO WE...

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MR. REIGEN ...!

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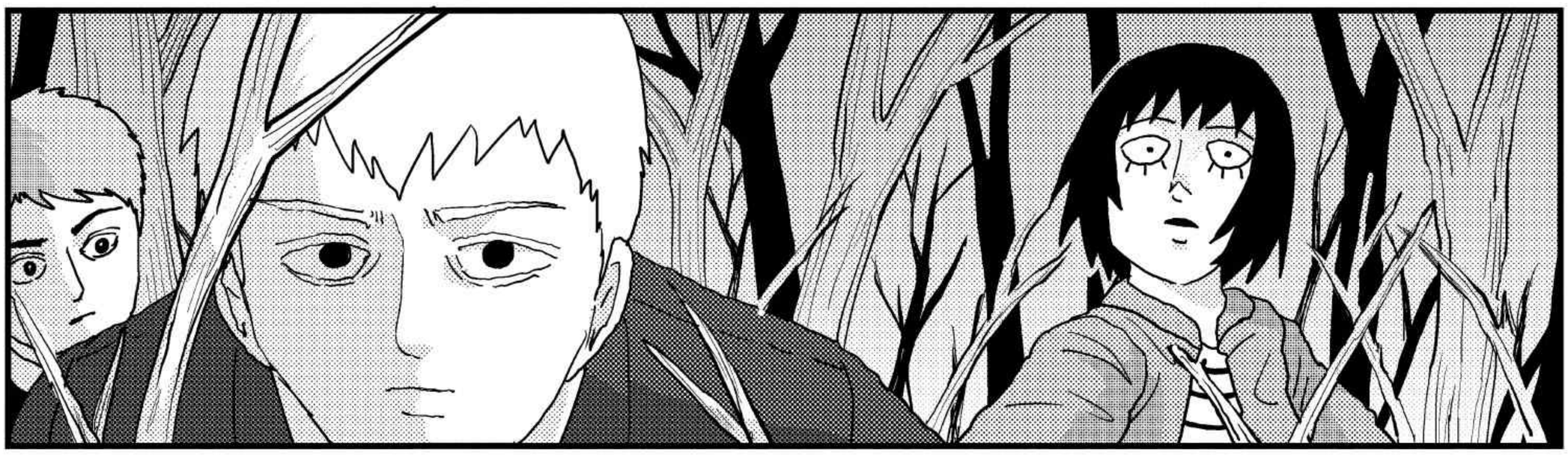
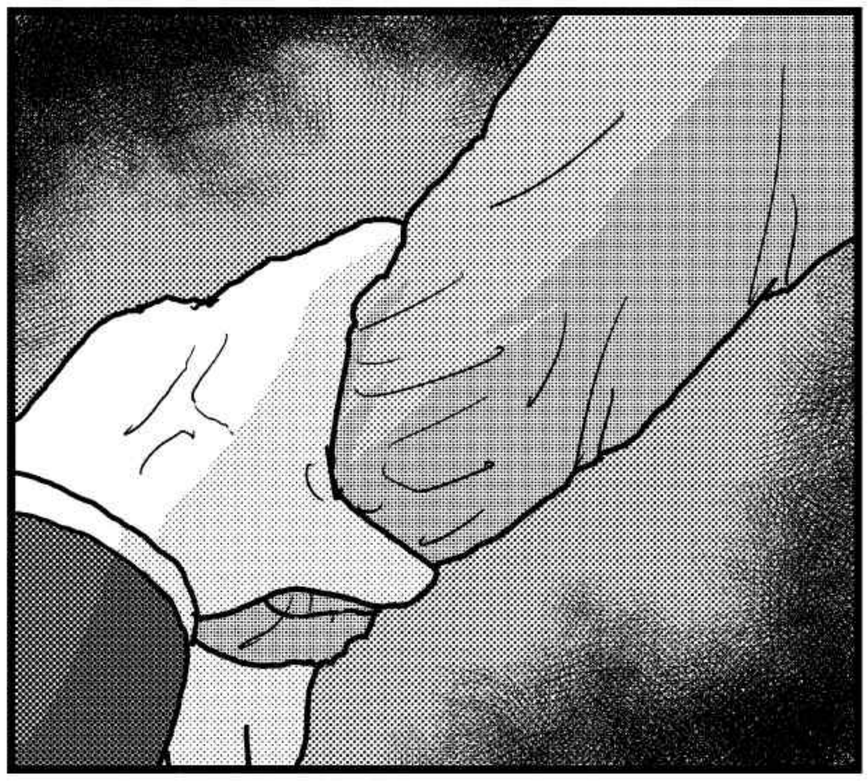
OH, THANK GOOD-NESS ...!

THIS PLACE IS DANGER-OUS.

...THIS WAY.

COME ON...





MISS KURATA, ARE YOU OKAY ...?
ALL THESE DEAD BRANCHES ...
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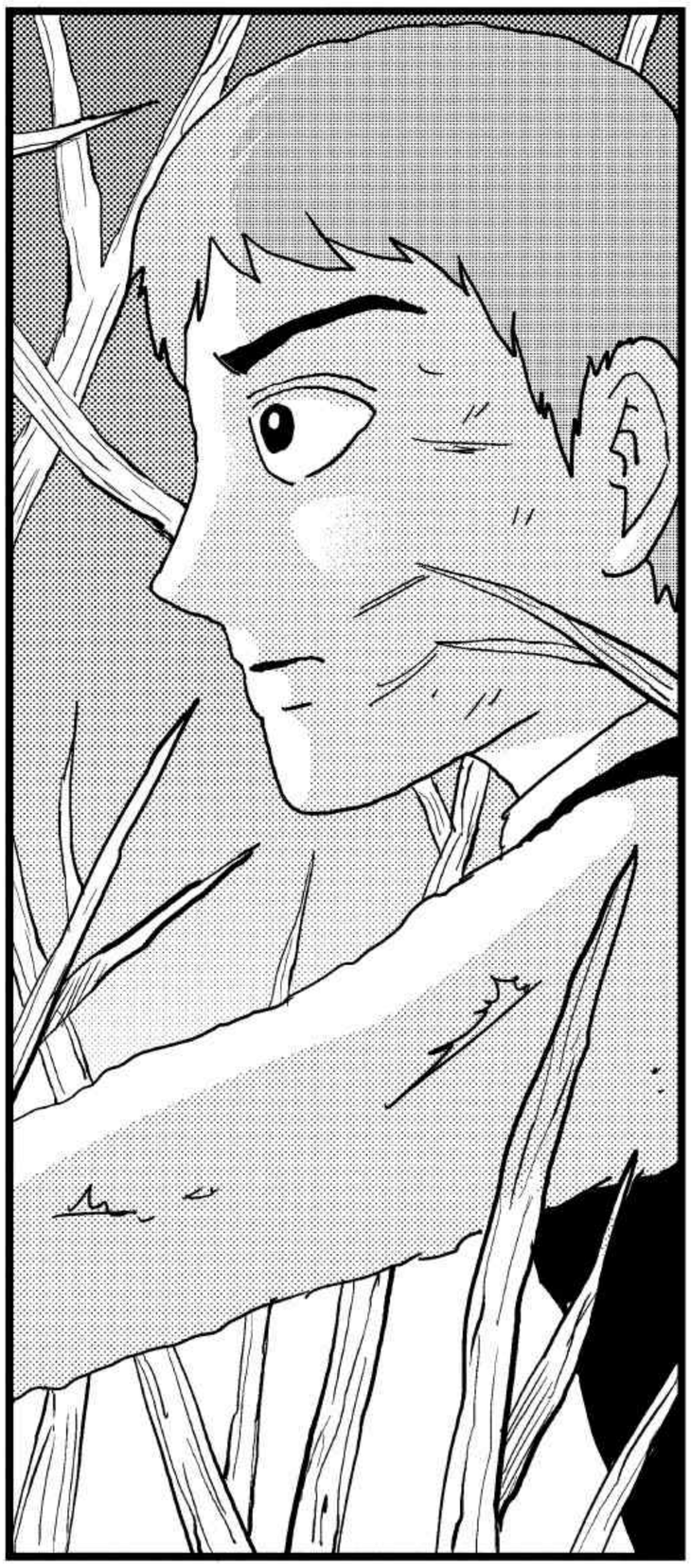

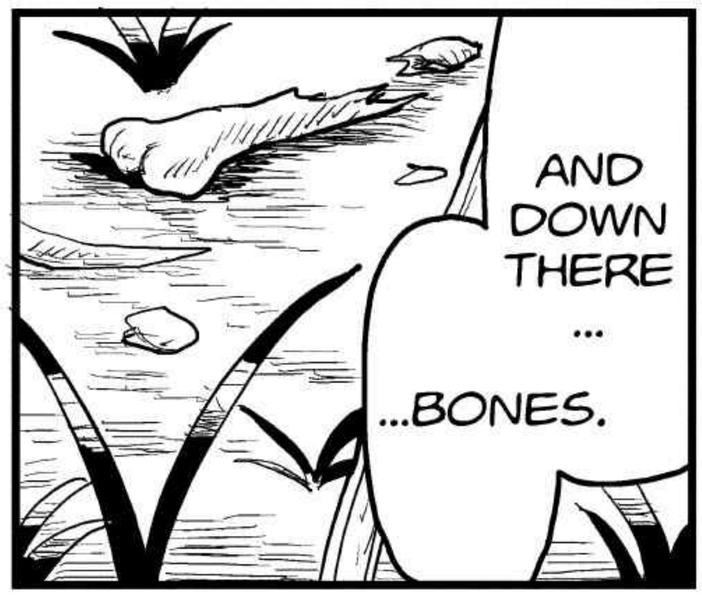
AND DOWN THERE ...
...BONES.

I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TIME TO FIND ONE. WE'VE JUST GOTTA GET THROUGH THESE WOODS FAST...

IS THERE EVEN A PATH...?

THIS PLACE REALLY IS ABAN-DONED ...!

NOT SO HARD...! YOU'RE HURTING MY WRIST...

OW...!

UM, YOU DON'T NEED TO HOLD MY ARM ANYMORE, MR. REIGEN ...

SIR...?

HO-SHIDA ...

...IS THIS THE WAY WE CAME IN...?

YEAH...

...I THINK SO TOO...

ISN'T IT COM-PLETELY DIFFER-ENT...?

SIR...

...IT'S NOT THIS WAY...

...I-IT'S NOT THIS WAY, I'M TELLING YOU...!

MR. REI-GEN...

MR. REIGEN ...?

IT'S NOT JUST ANIMALS ANYMORE...

MISS KU-RATA ...

...WHAT DO WE DO?

YOU'RE HURT-ING...

CAN YOU LET GO...?

...THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

I'M SORRY, MISS KURATA ...

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MISS KURATA.
HOSHIDA.
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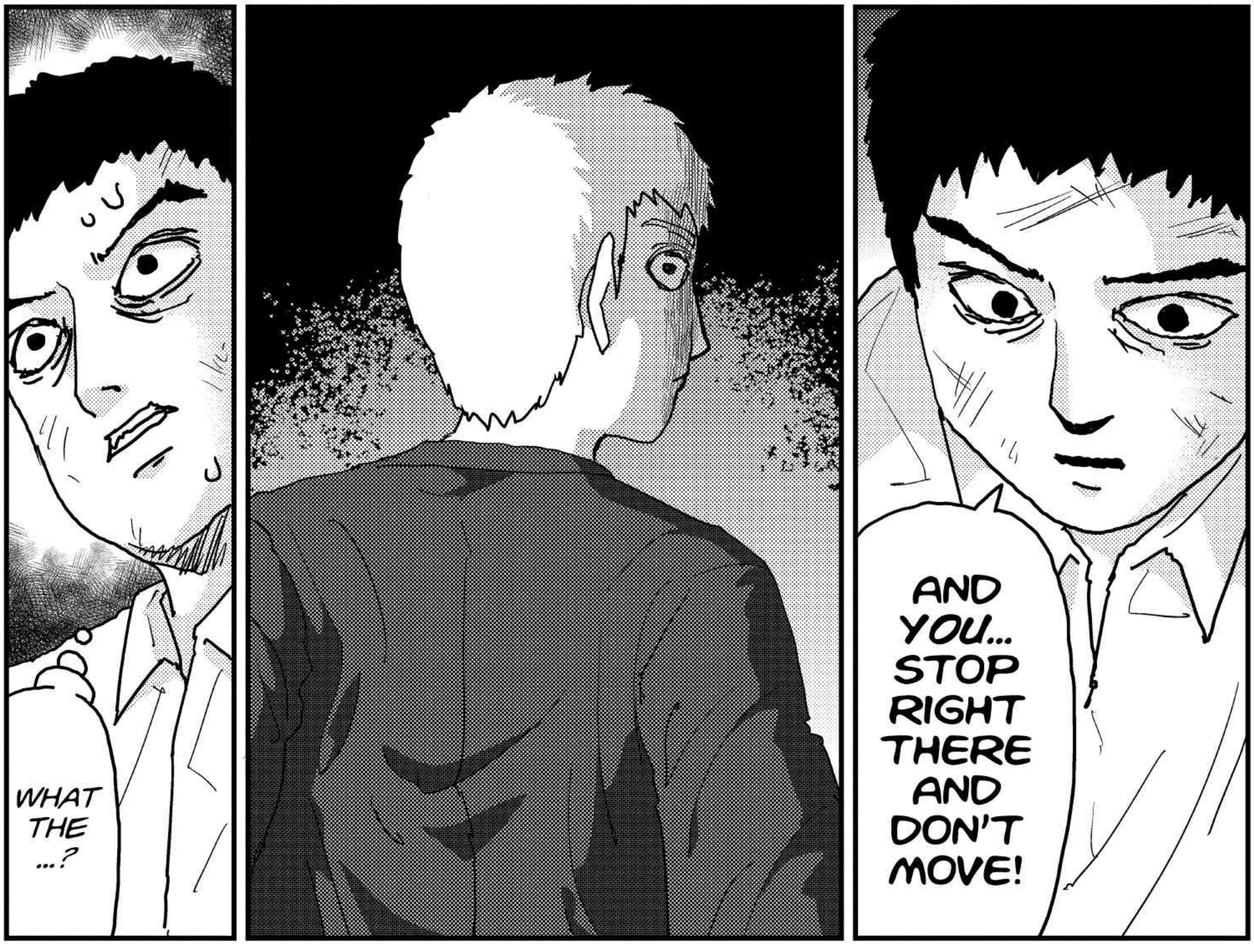
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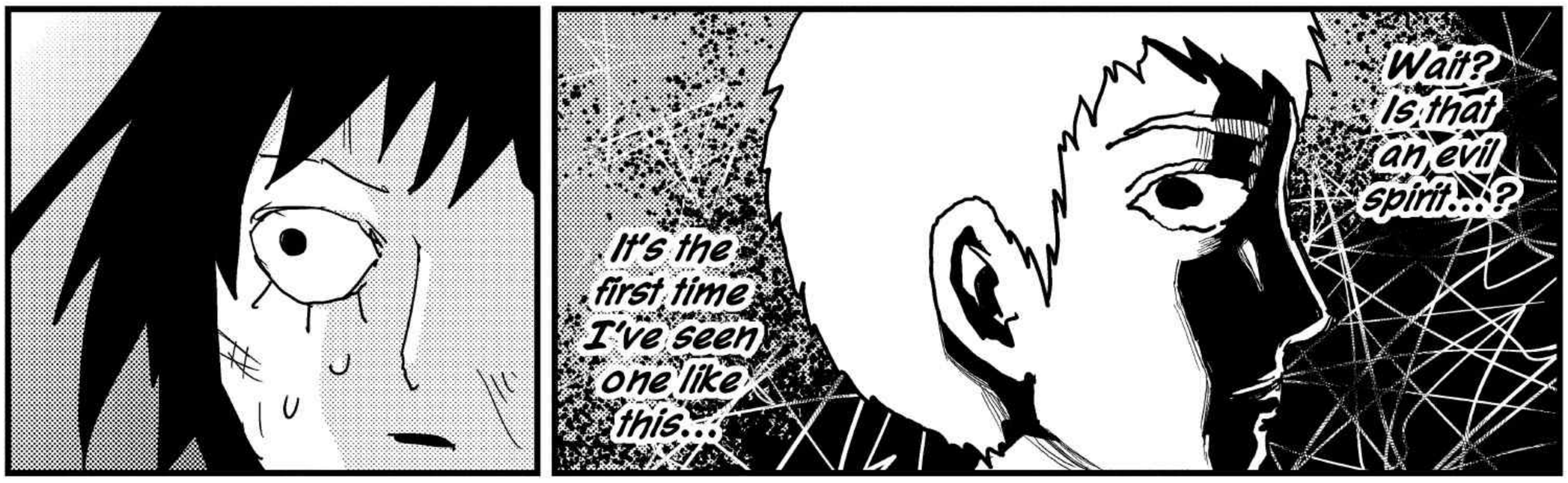
AND YOU... STOP RIGHT THERE AND DON'T MOVE!


It's the first time I've seen one like this...
Wait? Is that an evil spirit...?

...OFF THESE KIDS...
TAKE YOUR HANDS ...

...AND GET LOST !!!

KEEP YOUR COOL, BOTH OF YOU ...!

HE'S LET GO!

LET'S RUN FOR IT, HOSHIDA !!

MR. REI--

!

HEY, THERE! TOME! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ...?!

JUST KEEP MOVING BACK-WARDS, AND WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T LOOK BEHIND YOU!!!

IT'LL TAKE A WHILE, THOUGH. DON'T YOU KNOW HOW DEEP WE ARE IN THESE WOODS...?

...I CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK ...

SIR...

I LEFT MARK-ERS ON MY WAY IN...

...WE'LL PASS THEM AND SEE WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK!

?

THE FLOW OF TIME IS MESSED UP IN HERE.

IS ...?

EH? WE CAN'T BE THAT DEEP...IT'S ONLY BEEN 15 MINUTES SINCE WE LEFT...

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU ALL THE WHILE.

IT'S BEEN MORE THAN *TWO HOURS* SINCE YOU WENT MISSING.

...HE DIDN'T COME IN.

HE'S WAIT-ING OUT-SIDE.

WHERE IS MR. ROSHU-TO...?

WE TRACKED A LARGE SPIRIT PRESENCE AND JUST MADE IT... BUT IT WAS CLOSE.

...

DON'T FALL.

MOVE A BIT LEFT.

WATCH YOUR FOOT-ING.

URGH!

SPI-DER WEB !!

GYAAAA!

IT'S HIM...

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...WALKING BACK-WARDS, IT TOOK *FIVE* HOURS.

YOU OKAY? I'VE JUST GOT A FEW BUG BITES...

MR. REIGEN...!

HURRY! SAVE ME!!

OVER HERE!

HELP!

WHAT'S WRONG ...?

?

TOME'S VOICE...

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!

I HURT MY LEG, AND I CAN'T WALK!

THE REAL MR. SERIZAWA AND HOSHIDA ARE STILL HERE, TOO!

IF YOU DON'T HURRY, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!!

A SPIRIT TOOK MY PLACE AS WE WERE ESCAP-ING!

I'LL DO ANY-THING...

CAN'T WALK ANOTH-ER STEP...

SAVE ME!!

BE-LIEVE ME!

SAY, TOME...

...REI-GEN?

I'M BEGGING YOU! COME BACK!!

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT ALIENS EXIST...?

...CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING ...?

MR. REI-GEN!

SHE'S THE FAKE!!

HELP ME!!

PLEASE COME QUICKLY!

...AND HE GAVE ME THIS AS A PRESENT.

SEE, I MET AN ALIEN...

A STONE I GOT.

WHAT IS IT?

WHY WOULD YOU ASK THAT ...?

W-WOW...

WAIT? YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, DO YOU, HOSHIDA? WELL, IT'S TRUE!

PRETTY, ISN'T IT? I ALWAYS HAVE IT WITH ME.

I WAS SO CLOSE...

DON'T LOSE IT.

TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.

...DO YOU HAVE THE POWER TO EXORCISE THIS PLACE, SERI-ZAWA?

HEY...

IT'S BEYOND EVEN ME.

AND I'D RATHER NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS PLACE EVER AGAIN...

NOBODY SHOULD LAY A HAND ON IT...

WE WERE OUT OF SIGNAL RANGE BEFORE, BUT A MESSAGE HE SENT EARLIER JUST REACHED ME...

SEEMS HE LEFT.

HUH...? WHERE IS MR. ROSHU-TO?

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"IN THIS BUSINESS, WHATEVER HAPPENS TO YOU IS ON YOUR OWN SHOULDERS."

IT SAYS, "I'VE GOT WORK TOMORROW, SO I'M LEAVING NOW."

THOSE WHO CAN'T FACE THE RISKS... CAN'T WORK IN THIS FIELD.

HOSHIDA.

IT SOUNDS HARSH TO SAY... BUT HE'S RIGHT.

LET'S GO.

THIS TIME, EVEN *I'M* BEAT.

...YES.

YOU'RE STILL IN SCHOOL, RIGHT? YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANT TO DO.

I GUESS SPRING HAS COME FOR TOME-CHAN...!

HE DID?

HE SAID IT WAS SERI-OUS!

HOSHIDA ASKED TO SEE TOME AGAIN!

...AND SEEING YOUR STRENGTH, I WANT TO...

MISS KURATA... YOU STAYED STRONG ALL THROUGH THAT SITUATION WE WERE IN...

...FOR LOVE.

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE OCCULT ...BUT...

...NOW... I WANT TO LOOK...

...I'VE BEEN THINKING THE SAME THING.

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UM...

...YOU WANT TO GET PSYCHIC WITH ME, DON'T YOU?!

WELL, MR. REIGEN SAID IT, DIDN'T HE? WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO FACE THE *RISKS!*

SO LET'S TRAIN OUR MINDS *TOGETHER*!

ALTHOUGH ACTUALLY, I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA *HOW*...

...

...AND IT TRIED TO MAKE ME THINK IT WAS YOU, SIR...

SOME DARK THING APPEARED THERE BEFORE ME...

BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING MORE SINISTER THAN BEING BETRAYED BY THE ONE YOU RELY UPON.

...BUT THAT WAS IT, WASN'T IT, SIR? WHY SUCH AN EVIL PLACE HAD A NAME LIKE "RELIANCE."

I KNEW MY BOSS WAS SOMEONE I COULD COUNT ON.

Spirits &

...BUT THEN THE REAL YOU CAME, AND RESCUED ME, MR. REIGEN.

...THERE'S SOME-THING *ELSE* I'VE GOT TO ASK YOU.

TOME...

...IT'S TOO LATE NOW, BUT...

EVERY SPOON IN MY OFFICE HAS BEEN TWISTED, AS IF SOMEONE WANTED TO PRETEND THEY HAD PSYCHIC POWERS.

THIS IS SERIOUS, TOME. HOW CAN I EAT MY CUSTARD NOW?

DID *YOU* BEND THESE?

YOU'RE BANNED!

YOU KNEW IT WAS ME...?

#5 ADVICE

A SPECIAL WORLD EXISTS...

...AND MORE AND MORE, IT DRAWS ME IN.

...AFTER-NOON!

Spirits & such

OH, BUT I HAD SOMETHING TO ASK YOU TODAY, MR. SERIZAWA.

ME...?

AH, MISS KURATA! MR. REIGEN'S OUT RIGHT NOW.

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY ABILITIES ...?

WHAT PROMPTED THIS QUESTION ...?

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ALL RIGHT.

IT'S NOT THAT IMPRES-SIVE, THOUGH.

...ANY INFO I COULD TRUST. I KNOW YOU'RE A SUPERHUMAN, MR. SERIZAWA, BUT I WONDERED WHAT YOU COULD DO BESIDES EXOR-CISMS.

WELL, I TRIED TO RE-SEARCH YOU, BUT I COULDN'T FIND...

...

CAN I ASK ...?

AHH!

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WOW! THAT TOO ...?

SSSHHH ニャアアア:

SO PSYCHIC POWERS ARE ALL ABOUT SPOONS AFTER ALL...?!

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EH...?

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...HUH?

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WHOA!

EEEP!!!

...OH! TWO.

KNNKKKKK HOW MANY SUGARS ...?

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YES... SO. SO NOW...

UM...

UNBELIEV-ABLE ...!!!

THERE *MUST* BE A WAY!

GIVE ME SOME *ADVICE*, AT LEAST !!

...BUT I DON'T THINK YOU CAN. I WAS *BORN* WITH THEM...AND EXPERIMENTATION SEEMS A DANGEROUS ROUTE.

...ON TO MY NEXT QUESTION...

...TELL ME STRAIGHT, HOW DOES ONE *ACQUIRE* SUCH SUPERPOWERS...?

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D ASK...

I'D DO SUPER-HEROIC KINDA STUFF! TEACH THE BAD GUYS A LESSON, INTERCEDE IN FIGHTS ...

...PICK UP ALL THE LITTER IN THE STREETS ...I COULD DO THAT, RIGHT ?

THAT'S UNREALISTIC.

...WELL, LET ME ASK *YOU* SOMETHING, MISS KURATA... IF YOU HAD PSYCHIC POWERS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THEM...?

HMM...

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT ...?!

HUH?

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I'D USE MY POWERS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY !

LIKE HOW?

I...I'D HELP PEOPLE AND STUFF!

FOR EXAMPLE ?

...

DO YOU *NEED* PSYCHIC POWERS ?

"WHY NOT"? WELL ...

WHY NOT?

WELL... NO, I DON'T, BUT...

DO YOU EVER PICK UP LITTER WITH YOUR HANDS ...?

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE...!

NO, I *DO* KNOW IT. YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT POWERS.

LOOK.

ARE YOU HELPING PEOPLE AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY RIGHT *NOW*? IF NOT, WHY SHOULD YOU START JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT POWERS?

YOU'RE PAINTING THIS IDEAL PICTURE IN YOUR HEAD...

NO, BUT... THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TRYING TO ASK ABOUT...

AND SINCE YOU *ARE* MISS KURATA, YOU OUGHT TO ASK YOURSELF SERIOUSLY WHAT YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH WITHIN YOUR CURRENT POSSIBILITIES.

HAVING SPECIAL POWERS WON'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU, MISS KURATA... ARE MISS KURATA.

YOU WON'T BECOME A SUPER-HERO, AND YOU WON'T CHANGE THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN.

BUT THEY AREN'T *SUPER-POWERS* ...

...THEY'RE THE WAY YOU CHOOSE TO LOOK AT THINGS, TO ACT, TO SHOW GOOD JUDGMENT...

...YOUR STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, TOO.

SO-CALLED SPECIAL POWERS ARE SOMETHING EVERYONE HAS, AND CAN CULTIVATE.

BUT LET ME TRY TO TELL YOU ONE WAY TO GET REALLY STRON-GER.

IF YOU DON'T GET IT, SO BE IT.

RE-MEMBER YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, MISS KURATA. THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC, IS THERE ...?

IT MAY TAKE AWHILE. UNLESS YOU'RE VERY LUCKY, YOU WON'T FIND WHAT YOU REALLY WANT TO BE THAT QUICKLY.

I WASTED MY YOUTH AWAY, SO IF I WAS TO GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE, MISS KURATA...

...DON'T ASK ONLY ME...LISTEN TO THE THOUGHTS OF LOTS OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AND DEVELOP AN UNDER-STANDING OF WHAT IS WITHIN YOUR CAPACITY TO DO.

UHH...

...IF I HAD PSYCHIC POWERS, I COULD EVEN HELP YOU WITH EXORCISMS...

B-BUT...

I'M SPEAKING FROM EXPERI-ENCE. I ENDED UP IN THIS JOB ONLY AFTER TRYING A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS.

THIS IS MINE. BUT YOU'LL FIND YOUR OWN.

...LOOK-ING FOR A ROLE IN LIFE.

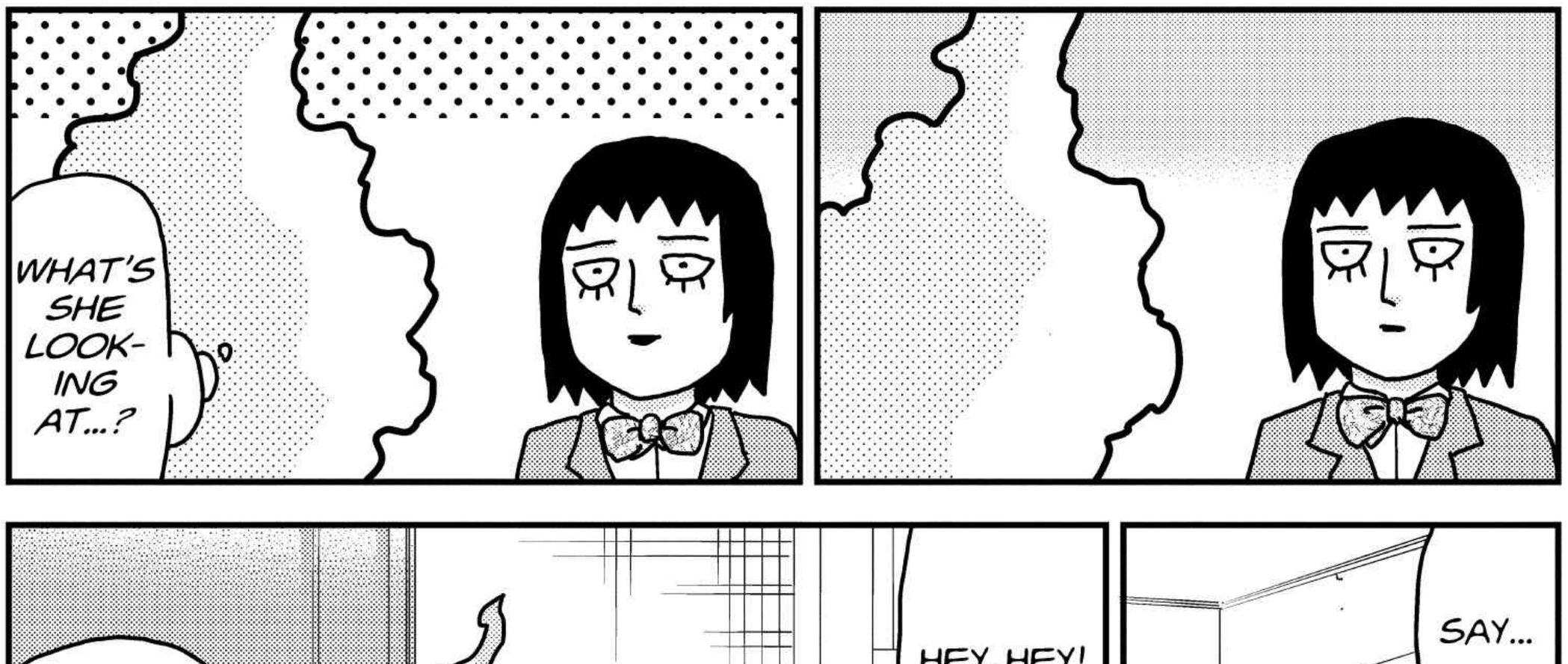
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STRAIN YOUR-SELF...

MISS KURATA, I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING SUITED TO YOU, TOO.

IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S **MR. REIGEN**...

WHY DOES MR. SERIZAWA HAVE TO SHOO ME AWAY LIKE THIS?

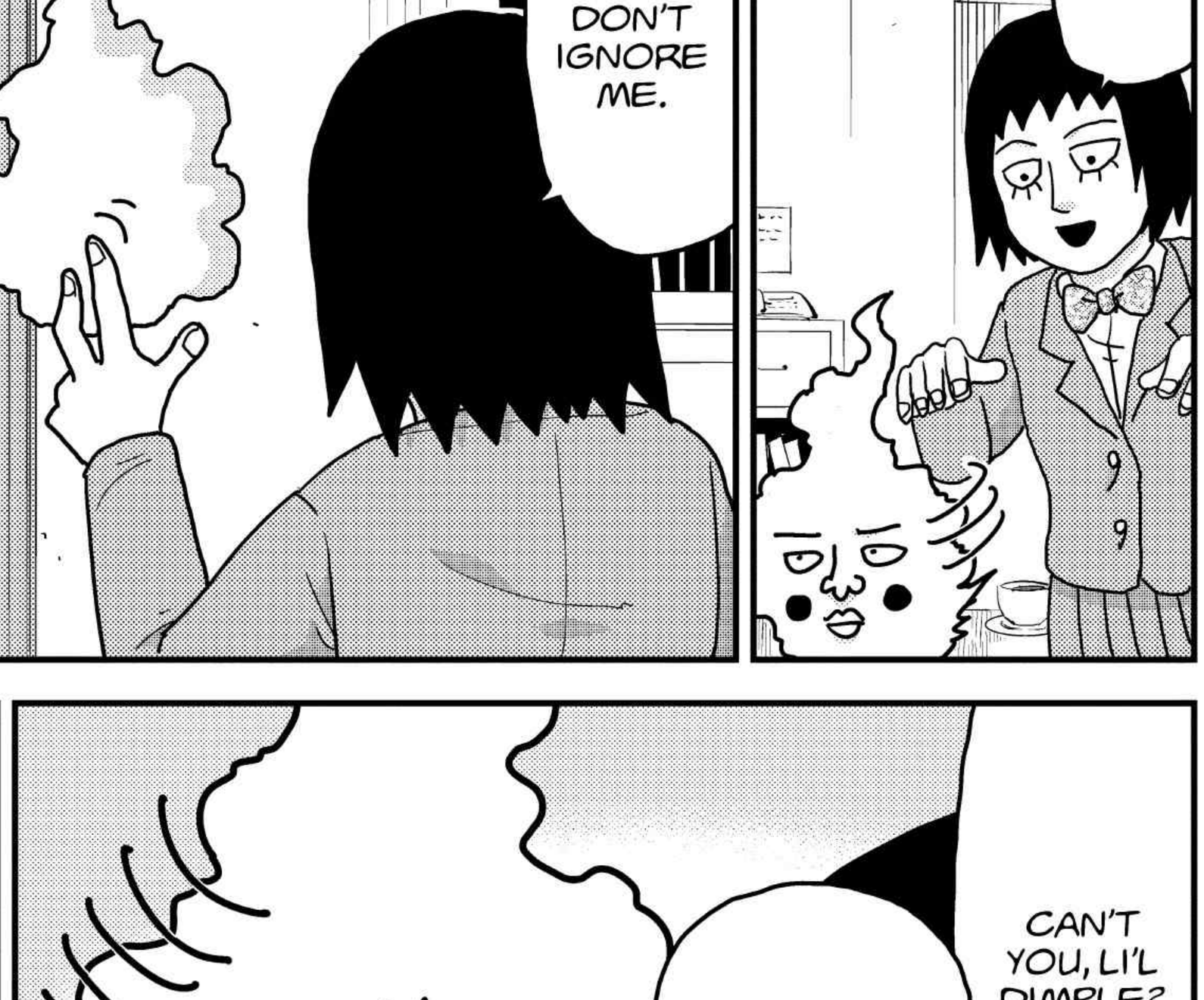
...AM I BEING **THAT** WEIRD?


WHAT'S SHE LOOK-ING AT...?

I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR MY VOICE.
HEY, HEY! DON'T IGNORE ME.

SAY...

LET ME ASK YOU FOR SOME ADVICE...


AND ADDRESS ME AS "MR. DIMPLE."
YOU MAY STOP THAT IMMEDIATELY.
CAN'T YOU, LI'L DIMPLE?

...FIRST QUESTION! DO SPIRITS THINK ABOUT STUFF? IF YES, WHAT?

SO...

...TELL ME ALL ABOUT THE SPIRIT WORLD!

THAT'S KNOW-LEDGE PEOPLE CAN'T NORMALLY GET AHOLD OF! IF I CAN'T HAVE PSYCHIC POWERS, I CAN AT LEAST BECOME AN EXPERT AND WRITE A BOOK ABOUT THEM!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU DON'T NEED MY ADVICE!

THAT DE-PENDS ON THE SPIRIT.

...

DO SPIRITS HAVE GEN-DER AND AGE?

WELL, I'M MALE... BUT I DON'T COUNT MY YEARS.

THOUGH THERE ARE SOME WHO DO.

THERE ARE SPIRIT COM-MUNI-TIES OUT THERE... BUT ALSO PLACES WHERE IT'S EACH ONE FOR THEM-SELVES.

Spirits & such

DO SPIRITS HAVE RELA-TION-SHIPS? ARE THEY SOCIAL?

SOME ARE, SOME AREN'T ...

I HAVE QUITE A BIT OF FREE TIME.

AGAIN, DE-PENDS.

WHAT DO YOU DO ALL DAY?

YOU MUST HAVE FREE TIME.

AND THERE ARE ALSO SOME THAT WERE EFFEC-TIVELY AGEN-DERED EVEN WHEN THEY WERE ALIVE...

THERE ARE A LOT WHO HAVE A CON-CEPT OF GENDER, BUT... WITHOUT PHYSICAL BODIES, IT'S MOSTLY MEAN-ING-LESS.

I CALL IT "SPIRIT ELE-MENT."

EAT THE ENERGY OF SPECIFIC THINGS OR LIVING THINGS, OR THAT'S DRIFTING IN THE AIR.

WE DON'T *HAVE* TO EAT, BUT WE CAN IF WE WANT... THOSE WHO LIKE TO EAT, EAT LOTS.

DO YOU GET HUNGRY ?

WHAT'S FUN FOR A SPIRIT ?

WATCH-ING TV... STUFF LIKE THAT.

WATCH-ING THE EVENING SUN... SWIM-MING THROUGH THE AIR...

...BUT WHEN A GHOST'S EXISTENCE ENDS...IS THERE LIKE, AN *AFTER-DEATH...?*

I MEAN, WHEN PEOPLE'S EXISTENCE ENDS, THEY BECOME GHOSTS IN THE AFTER-LIFE...

UH-HUH ...

...OH!

IF YOU GET DE-STROYED AND YOU'RE A GHOST... WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU?

I SEE.

I *HAVE NO* IDEA.

DON'T KNOW.

...

I MEAN, YOUR RULES...

...THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF BEING A GHOST.

ALL RIGHT, THEN... WHAT KIND OF MECHA-NISMS DOES YOUR WORLD OPERATE AROUND ?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "MECHA-NISMS"?

LISTEN, YOU...!!

HMM...

SIGHH...

YOU DON'T KNOW *MUCH*, DO YOU?

LI'L DIMPLE.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE FOOD YOU PUT IN YOUR MOUTH WAS PRODUCED? HOW IT GOT DISTRIBUTED? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE TAXES YOU PAY ARE BEING USED FOR?!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR OWN SKELETAL STRUCTURE, OR THE WORKINGS OF YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS ?!

HOW MUCH DO *YOU* UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE MECHANISMS OF HUMAN SOCIETY, OR EVEN HUMAN BEINGS THEMSELVES ?!

THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS EVEN *SPIRITS* DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE SPIRIT WORLD...!

BUT IT'S THE SAME WITH THE *LIVING*, ISN'T IT...?!!

FROM THE INSIDE OF YOUR BODY TO THE WHOLE WIDE UNIVERSE, YOU *LIVE* IN A PLACE YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BOTHERED TO UNDERSTAND! AND NOW YOU WANT TO BE AN EXPERT IN THE *AFTERLIFE*? YOU'VE GOT YOUR EXISTENCE ALL BACKWARDS!!!

WHY IS LIGHT THE FASTEST THING?! WHY IS THERE GRAVITY? HOW DID THE EARTH AND THE MOON ORIGINATE ?!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW?! OF BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES?!

HUH ?!

...HERE'S A SIMPLE QUES-TION...

...HOW DOES YOUR PHONE WORK?

STEP AWAY FROM ALL THIS TRYING TO GET A GRIP ON THE FANTASTIC, UNTIL YOU CAN GRASP REALITY.

HEY, TOME...

STOP TRYING TO FIND NEW THINGS TO NOT COMPREHEND! YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF MAKE-UP WORK TO DO HERE!

IF YOU'RE BLIND TO ALL THE WONDERS IN THE "NORMAL" ...

...HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SEE...

...THE WONDERS OF THE "PARA-NORMAL" ...?

THAT MYS-TERY IN YOUR POCKET.

SOUNDS AND IMAGES FROM ANYWHERE APPEARING SOMEHOW ON A LITTLE SCREEN YOU CARRY... YOU TAKE THAT FOR GRANTED.

I'M BACK! WE GET ANY CLIENTS ?

...NOW I'M BUMMED THAT I EVEN ASKED.

HE TREATS ME LIKE I'M NOTHING ...

DON'T CALL ME "LI'L."

MR. SERIZAWA AND LI'L DIMPLE ARE BEING MEAN TO ME!

MR. REIGEN ...!

I KNOW YOU'LL HEAR ME OUT...!

WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET ?

DID YOU SEE A ROACH?

HMM...

...WELL, I SUPPOSE SO.

MR. REIGEN! TELL ME THE TRUTH! HOW COME YOU'RE IN THIS PROFES-SION...?!

S-SIR, I'M W-WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT I C-CAN'T BECOME A SUPER-HUMAN...

...B-BUT DON'T I AT LEAST HAVE THE R-RIGHT TO ASPIRE TO WORK IN THE SAME INDUSTRY...?!

EH? I NEED MONEY TO EAT, DON'T I? PLUS I'VE GOT UTILITY BILLS--

WHAT IS THIS ...?

WHY DID YOU GET INTO IT EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW OF THE DANGERS ...?!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN! HOW DID YOU *LEARN* ABOUT THIS WORLD ...?

REIGEN ARATAKA

NEW STAR OF THE 21ST CENTURY!!!

YOU HAVE TO WORK A VARIETY OF JOBS, AND HAVE DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES ...AND THEN EVENTUALLY YOU GET THERE. THAT'S MY CAREER COUNSELING.

LISTEN TO ME, TOME...

...FINDING YOUR TRUE CALLING, OR THE PLACE YOU'RE IDEALLY SUITED FOR, DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT QUICKLY.

BUT THEN WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS...?

NO. IT WAS VERY DIFFERENT FOR ME.

WAS IT LIKE THAT FOR YOU TOO, MR. REIGEN?

?

HOW COME?

IF IT WERE JUST ME, I COULDN'T DO IT. I WOULD HAVE...

...QUIT A LONG TIME AGO.

I HAPPENED TO BE BLESSED WITH CERTAIN CONNEC-TIONS THAT LET ME DO THIS JOB.

WELL, ON MY OWN, I'D BE...

...LOOK, YOU KNOW...

IT SEEMS LIKE MR. SERIZAWA DOES MOST OF THE EXORCISMS ON SITE...BUT DO *YOU* HAVE SOME SPECIALIZED POWERS TOO, MR. REIGEN...?

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yawnnnn!

BUT SUCH HUMAN RESOURCES ARE QUITE RARE INDEED.

AND IT'S A SPECIAL-IZED FIELD, SO I CAN ONLY HIRE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPIRIT SENSI-TIVITY.

...IT'S HARD TO RUN AN OFFICE ON YOUR OWN.

YOU SEE, SPIRITS ARE WEAK AGAINST SALT, AND CAN EVEN MELT AWAY FROM A HIT...

...BUT ACTUALLY *HITTING* THEM IS QUITE DIFFICULT. AND THAT'S WHY...

SALT CON-TROL.

SALT SPLASH

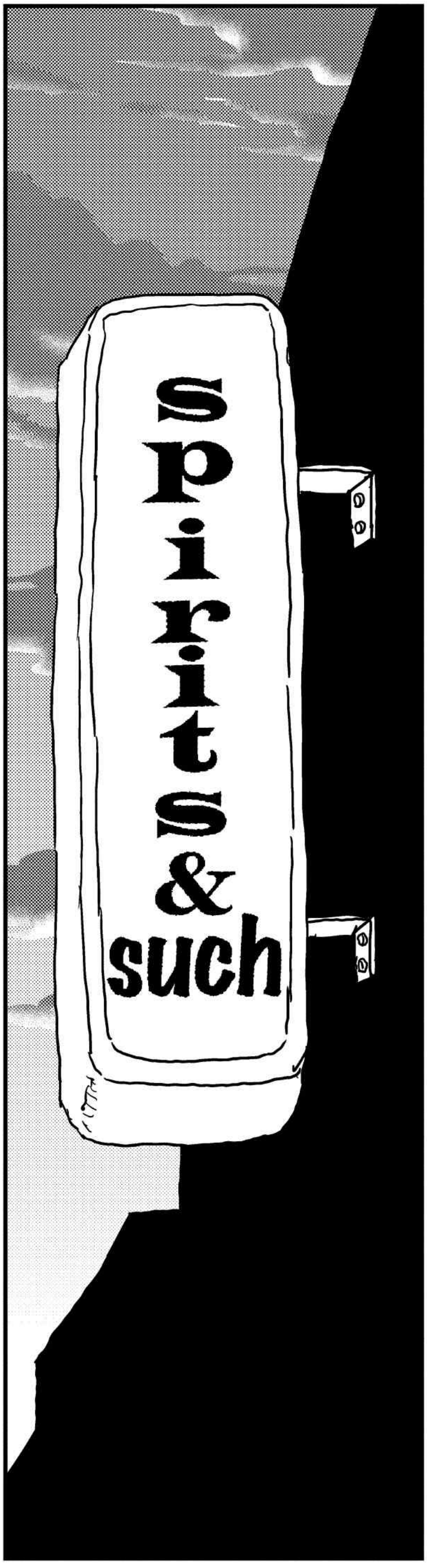
FEROCIOUS TOSSING OF TABLE SALT: REIGEN'S SIGNATURE MOVE

...I'M SUCCESSFUL IN THIS BUSINESS BECAUSE OF MY TRANSCENDENT PITCHING CONTROL.

...ER, OF COURSE, THAT PRESUPPOSES ONE HAVING FORMIDABLE PSYCHIC POWERS TO BEGIN WITH.

YES. YES, I DO.

YOU... TOSS SALT?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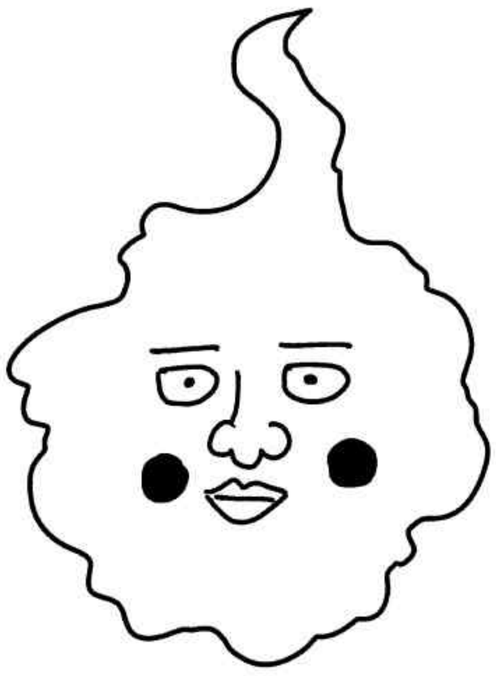
I'M GONNA START PRACTICING... I'M GONNA GO TO MY SCHOOL'S BASEBALL FIELD...I'M GONNA BRING A WHOLE BOX OF SALT!
I'M GONNA BE THE YU DARVISH OF EXORCISM ...!

OKAY...



#6 SALT SPLASH

YEAH...
...IT HAD A CREEPY VIBE ABOUT IT, AND IT REALLY SEEMED LIKE A WALKING SHADOW...
YIKES!
A DARK FIGURE ...?
NAW, BUT I'M NO PRO, REALLY...I JUST ASSIST OTHERS.
YOU COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, RIGHT, TOME? YOU'VE GOT A *JOB* IN THIS KIND OF THING...!
DO YOU?
DO YOU GET TO WEAR ONE OF THOSE BACK-PACKS? LIKE IN *GHOST-BUSTERS* ...?
HUH? BUT EVEN GETTING TO ASSIST ON STUFF LIKE THAT IS A BIG DEAL!!
NO... BUT, YES... I GUESS IT IS...MAYBE I COULD HELP...

PRAC-TICING... PSYCHIC POWER?

NO, NO. NOTHING THAT MAJOR.

H'doo-dooM!

YOU CAN?! I KNEW IT, RIGHT ?!

...A LITTLE?

I'VE BEEN PRAC-TICING LATELY, SO...

THROWING TABLE SALT? THAT SOUNDS WICKED!!!

THAT'S AWESOME, TOME!

Cheap N' Tasty TABLE SALT

I'VE STARTED TO GET THE KNACK OF THROWING TABLE SALT.

...I MEAN, I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY RIGHT NOW... BUT I CAN PAY YOU MAYBE 1000 YEN...SO PLEASE...?

WELL, THEN, IF SOMETHING REALLY SCARY HAPPENS, I GUESS I CAN ASK YOU ABOUT IT, TOME...?

THANK YOU!!!

BY THE WAY, YOU DON'T NEED TO PAY ME. I'M NOT A PRO.

DON'T MENTION IT!

...BUT SOME-TIMES HE CONSULTS FOR FREE, SO COME WITH ME NEXT TIME.

1000 YEN PROBABLY ISN'T ENOUGH FOR MR. REIGEN...

URK...!

HUH ?!

HELLO ?

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IT APPEARED AGAIN TODAY...?!

tap

MR REIGEN

M-MAYBE IT'S GOING TO FOLLOW ME ALL THE WAY TO MY HOUSE... WHAT DO I DO?

IT'S FOL-LOWING ME RIGHT NOW...!

I GOTTA CONTACT MR. REIGEN !!!

JUST WAIT THERE! TELL ME YOUR ADDRESS, KEIKO! YOUR NEAREST STATION IS PICKLES, RIGHT?!

YOU HAVE REACHED A VOICEMAIL MESSAGE SYSTEM. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER THE BEEP.

OF ALL THE...

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ANSWER, ANSWER, ANSWER!

brrrrrnng

...KEIKO'S IN TROUBLE...

フリータイム FREE TIME

Fresh Food & Drink スパパ

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...IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?!

TOME... PLEASE GET HERE SOON...!
IT K-KEEPS FOLLOWING ME...
...I CAN'T KEEP TAKING DETOURS FOREVER...!
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IT'S RIGHT THERE ...!!
EEK...!
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KEIKO! GET BACK!!
SPIRITS ARE WEAK AGAINST SALT...
I-I'VE COME FOR YOU, DARK SPIRIT...!
SALT SPLASH!!!
fwoosh
WHOOOOOO
WSSHH...
UH-OH...
...THE WIND'S TOO STRONG! IT DIDN'T REACH!
T-TOME...!
MR. REIGEN WAS RIGHT!
HITTING THEM WITH THE SALT IS THE REALLY HARD PART...!

TOME! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS! STAY AWAY FROM IT!!!

dash "A"

BUT IN THAT CASE...

fwomp!

...TAKE THIS ...!!

DEEP SEA SALT

raise

spshhh

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT ...?

I CALL THAT MOVE... THE SALT BOMBER !!!

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DEEP SEA SALT

しお wobble だま

OHH, THANK GOOD-NESS...

phewww

...TOME, YOU SAVED ME...

YES! I CAST YOU OUT, EVIL SPIRIT !!!

TOME, YOU WERE AWESOME! DO GHOSTS RUN...?

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HM?
A YOUNG MAN COVERED IN SALT...
...IS THE ADDRESS AROUND HERE? DAMN THAT TOME...!
JUST LEAVING A MESSAGE AND GOING OFF ON HER OWN...!
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HEY, YOU. CAN I TALK TO YOU A SECOND?
NOW, NOW. DON'T RUN AWAY.
YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU'RE DOING, RIGHT...?
...
I WANT TO SEE YOUR STUDENT I.D. JOT DOWN YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TOO.
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS AS A WARNING... KEEP STALKING PEOPLE LIKE THIS, AND I'LL BE CONTACTING YOUR SCHOOL AND HOME.
SO THAT'S THE DEAL, HUH.
ALSO, I DO HAIRCUTS.
MAYBE YOU'VE GOT FEELINGS YOU NEED TO COMMUNICATE. BUT FIND A WAY THAT'S ACCEPTABLE. THIS *ISN'T*.

IS THIS YOUR BOSS, TOME ...?

OH, IT'S MR. REIGEN! SO YOU DID HURRY OVER, HUH...?

TOME ...?

TOME...

HEH, HEH. I USED SALT, JUST LIKE YOU ADVISED, SIR...

...SALT ALL OVER.

AS YOU CAN SEE...

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR A LAYPERSON TO TAKE ON THESE JOBS ALL BY THEM-SELVES.

...BUT PROMISE ME YOU WILL NEVER ACT ON YOUR OWN AGAIN.

...I CAN SEE YOU'RE ALL PUMPED UP RIGHT NOW...

HE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU HE'S SORRY THAT HE'S BEEN ACTING THAT WAY... HE DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU.

NOT A SPIRIT. NOT A GHOST. A STUDENT FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL WHO'S GOT A CRUSH ON YOUR FRIEND, WHO'S BEEN STALKING HER.

BUT, SIR ...!

I WAS ONLY ABLE TO DRIVE AWAY THE EVIL SPIRIT BECAUSE I GOT HERE ON TIME! IF I HADN'T RUSHED IN, THE GHOST...

sigh

IT'LL ONLY GET WORSE ...

N-NO, SIR. I UNDER-STAND. I WON'T LET THINGS GET WORSE. I WON'T ACT ALONE ANYMORE...

NOW, TOME... WHAT YOU DID WORKED OUT, BUT IT COULD HAVE GONE VERY BAD.

...

THINGS WILL ONLY GET WORSE BECAUSE OF *ME.*

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

...THE TRUTH ABOUT ME.

I'M GOING TO TELL YOU...

THE ONLY GHOST I CAN ACTUALLY SEE IS DIMPLE, JUST LIKE YOU.

I CAN'T DO EXOR-CISMS.

IN OTHER WORDS, I'VE BEEN DOING BUSINESS THROUGH EMPTY TALK THIS WHOLE TIME.

ALL I CAN SOLVE ARE CASES LIKE THIS ONE-- NOT GENUINE GHOST TROUBLE.

OH...AND PLEASE DON'T TELL HIM ABOUT ANY OF THIS.

WHAT I CAN'T DO, I HAND OVER TO SERI-ZAWA.

I DON'T HAVE ANY SPIRIT POWERS.

THEN WHY...WHY WOULD SOMEONE LIKE YOU EVEN DO THIS KIND OF WORK...?

IS THIS A JOKE ...?

OR MAYBE NOT. THE POINT IS, I DON'T KNOW IF IT REALLY DOES ANYTHING.

A LIE.

W-WHAT ABOUT THE...THE SALT...?

WERE YOU JUST TOYING WITH ME BECAUSE YOU WERE BORED ...?!

BUT THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER ...?!

I JUST PLAYED IT BY EAR, AND SOME-HOW NOW, HERE I AM.

THAT'S SIMPLE TO ANSWER. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER JOB PROSPECTS. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE I PAR-TICULARLY WANTED TO DO.

...IN ANY CASE, COUNT-ING ON ME ANY MORE...

...WON'T BRING YOU THE THINGS YOU DESIRE.

THAT'S THE ONE THING I HAVE TO TELL YOU.

T-TOME ...?

CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME.

#7 REIGEN

IT WAS AROUND THEN THAT **DAISUKE DOROJIMA**, A TROUBLESOME DELINQUENT WHO RULES THE NEARBY BOYS' SCHOOL, **GINGER #1**, JUST WOULDN'T GET OUT OF MY HAIR, EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO SEE HIS FACE, AND I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE TIME TO AGONIZE, WONDERING, "COULD IT BE THAT HE..." WHEN BEFORE MY VERY EYES APPEARED THE ONE I... I LOVED... **IN A PREVIOUS LIFE...HORAYAMA!**

I WAS FEELING VEXED ABOUT THE HARASSMENT I WAS GETTING FROM THAT SPITEFUL STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT **REO TENKUJI**, WHEN **IZUMI-SEMPAI**, THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE ACADEMY BOARD CHAIRMAN REACHED OUT A HELPING HAND, BUT THEN **YUMETO** WHO SITS NEXT TO ME IN CLASS AND IS HEIR TO THE **NANABISHI FINANCIAL CONGLOMERATE** SUDDENLY CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE, AND I WAS IN A REAL BIND...?!

MY NAME IS **REIKA AOBA**! I'M 15 YEARS OLD, AND AS OF TODAY I'M STARTING AT **HONEY PRIVATE ACADEMY**!! THROUGH A CHANCE SERIES OF EVENTS, I ENDED UP BECOMING **ASSISTANT TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT**, AND NOW I'M SO BUSY I CAN'T TELL RIGHT FROM LEFT!

OH, NO! I'M LATE! I'M LATE!

...ALL I WANT IS AN ORDINARY ROMANCE, BUT WHAT'S GOING TO BECOME OF MY DESTINY?!

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF MY TRANSFER, BUT I OVER-SLEPT, AND NOW I'M IN BIG TROUBLE! I'VE GOTTA HURRY!!

WE WENT OUT OF OUR WAY TO DOCTOR OUR FAMILY REGISTRY, AND HAVE MADE FAR AWAY **SEASONING CITY** OUR BASE TO GO INTO HIDING, BUT IN NO TIME AT ALL **ASSASSINS** HAVE ALREADY SNIFFED US OUT, AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TRANSFER ALL OVER AGAIN...?!

BY THE WAY, I'M THE **SOLE INHERITOR AND LAST MASTER** OF A **LEGENDARY AND ANCIENT SCHOOL OF MARTIAL ARTS** CALLED THE **PHOENIX EVIL STAR FIST**, HANDED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS! MY **GRANDFATHER** JUST WON'T QUIT TRYING TO PASS ON THE SECRET TEACHINGS TO ME...

I BET I'D WIN SOMETHING NOW!

I JUST REMEMBERED, I STILL HAVEN'T PULLED MY LEGENDARY FISHING ROD CAPSULE TOY IN THE "ANGLER BATTLE ROYALE" FREE EVENT!!

OH!

IT'S BEEN A FEW WEEKS. MAYBE IT'S GOOD LUCK TO SEE HER AGAIN...?

OH, IT'S THAT MANGA-LIKE GIRL. BREAD IN HER MOUTH ONCE MORE.

トゥルpop!

YOU KNOW, I USED TO BE LIKE THAT GIRL.

I THOUGHT I WAS HEADED FOR STRANGE AND EXCITING EXPERIENCES EVERY DAY...

SORRY, TRY AGAIN

YOU GET 20 LUGWORMS!!

RARITY ★★

MY NAME IS TOME KURATA. I'M IN TENTH GRADE AT PEPPER HIGH IN MY LOCAL AREA.

AWW...

...BUT THEN REALITY RE-TURNED.

...I DON'T HAVE ANY SPIRIT POWERS.

MISS KURATA.

THIS IS A NEW PRODUCT. DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

"OCCULTIC CHIPS."

THERE'S A CRYPTIC TRADING CARD IN EACH BAG.

IF WE GET DOUBLES, THEN WE COULD TRADE AND BOTH TRY TO GET THE SET, RIGHT? BY THE TIME WE GRADUATE...

YOU'LL BUY SOME TOO, WON'T YOU, MISS KURATA?

APPARENTLY THERE ARE 50 IN THE SERIES, AND THERE'S A RANDOM ONE IN EACH...I THINK IT'LL BE PRETTY HARD TO TRY TO COLLECT THEM ALL BY MYSELF.

...BY THE WAY, *THIS* ONE'S BIGFOOT. PRETTY SWEET, HUH?

AHAHA ...!

...BUT I'M NOT INTER-ESTED IN THAT KINDA STUFF ANY-MORE.

NOW I CAN JUST EASE INTO GIVING HER THE COUPLE'S TICKET FOR THE MYSTERI-OUS RUINS TOUR...!!

YES! SHE'S HAPPY!

AND I ACTUALLY QUIT THAT JOB, HOSHIDA, SO I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO SPEND ON THOSE... I'M SO SORRY!

I WISH I COULD JUST HAVE A *ROMANCE!*

I'M JUST... TIRED OF ALL THE BELIEVING AND DOUBT-ING.

SEE YA LATER!

CLASS IS ABOUT TO START!

I BOUGHT EYE SHADOW FROM KAITO TOO.

ROUGE FROM KYUN COS-METICS IS...

OOH! LOVELY.

NICE!

LOOK AT THIS NEW NAIL COLOR!

I NEED TO MAKE A BETTER EFFORT ...

HMM...AS ALWAYS, I JUST CAN'T GET INTO THIS GIRL TALK.

DON'T LOOK...

Q. Why can't a lion ever tell the truth?

A. Because if it did, it wouldn't be a-lyin' anymore!

...AT THAT !!!!

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WHAT'S THIS ...?

...AAH!

...

WELL... IT'S...A JOKE FOR A CON-TEST...

WHAT IS THIS NOTE ...?

I DON'T GET IT.

IT'S KINDA CREEPY... MAKI, THIS IS YOUR HAND-WRITING...

...WHY HAS YOUR FACE GONE RED?

CON-TEST ?

YOU DID THIS FOR A JOKE CONTEST ...?

YEAH...FOR A RADIO SHOW... IT'S SO EMBAR-RASSING, PLEASE DON'T LOOK...

ULP!

WOW ...!

HEY, I'M SORRY.

HUH?

NO... DON'T TALK ABOUT THIS...

DID YOU EVER GET A JOKE ON THE RADIO?

UM... ABOUT SIX TIMES ...

SIX TIMES? I WANNA LISTEN TO THAT SHOW...!

...I...I DIDN'T THINK ANY OF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED, SO I NEVER TALKED ABOUT IT, BUT...

OH, I GET THAT !

THAT'S A GOOD HOBBY TO HAVE!

I NEVER FEEL LIKE TALKING ABOUT MY OCCULT INTERESTS WITH PEOPLE WHO WON'T CARE EITHER.

IF SOMETHING IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, YOU BECOME WARY WHEN TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT IT!

UMM...

...I LOVE MANGA. ACTUALLY I DRAW SOME MYSELF... I EVEN SELL IT.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE ADMITTED IT. PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE.

OH, FORGET IT. NOBODY HERE'S LIKE THAT!

I'M SORRY FOR GOING OFF ON A...

BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW...

...ABOUT THAT SIDE OF EACH OF YOU.

URK!

I HAVE ONE TOO.

LET US READ IT!

MAYBE SOMEDAY.

WELL... YOU TOLD US YOUR SECRET, MAKI...SO I DID TOO...

HA HA...

HUH...?! THAT'S AWESOME! YOU'RE OKAY WITH TELLING US ABOUT IT...?

LIKE THIS.

FOR REAL ...?

WHOA!

I'M ONE OF THE TOP RANKED IN THE COUNTRY, AND I EVEN COSPLAY AT OFFLINE EVENTS...

koff!

I PLAY... ...ONLINE GAMES SO MUCH, I DON'T EVEN GET ENOUGH SLEEP AT NIGHT...

COLLECT THEM? I EAT THEM.

I EAT BUGS.

!

OH, SO YOU COL-LECT BUGS?

I WONDER IF I SHOULD ADMIT THIS, BUT I LIKE BUGS.

I'LL BRING SOME IN MY LUNCH BOX FOR YOU NEXT TIME, OKAY ...?

...

WHEN I GO OUT COLLECTING IN THE SUMMER WITH A NET, IT'S LIKE I'M AT A SUNDAY BRUNCH.

GRASS-HOPPERS, WATER BUGS, COCK-ROACHES... I OFTEN GO TO MEETUPS WITH FELLOW INSECTI-VORES...

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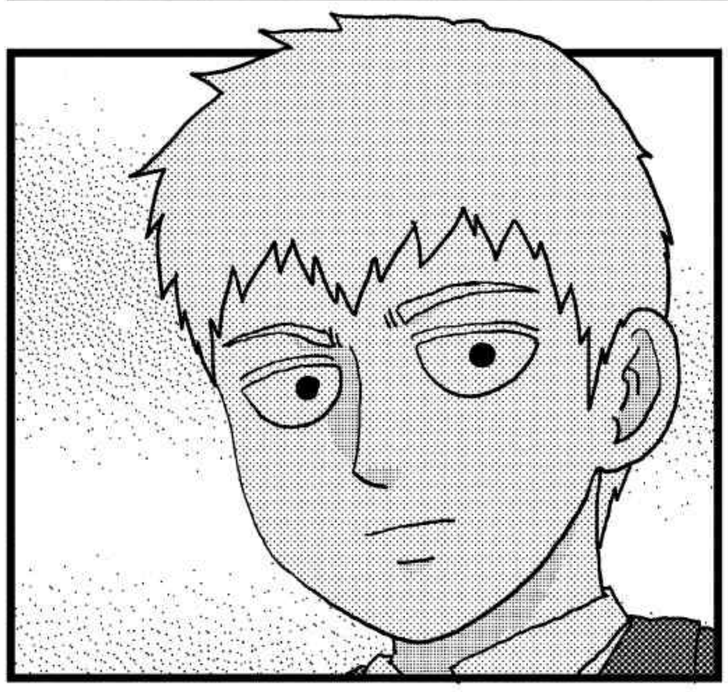
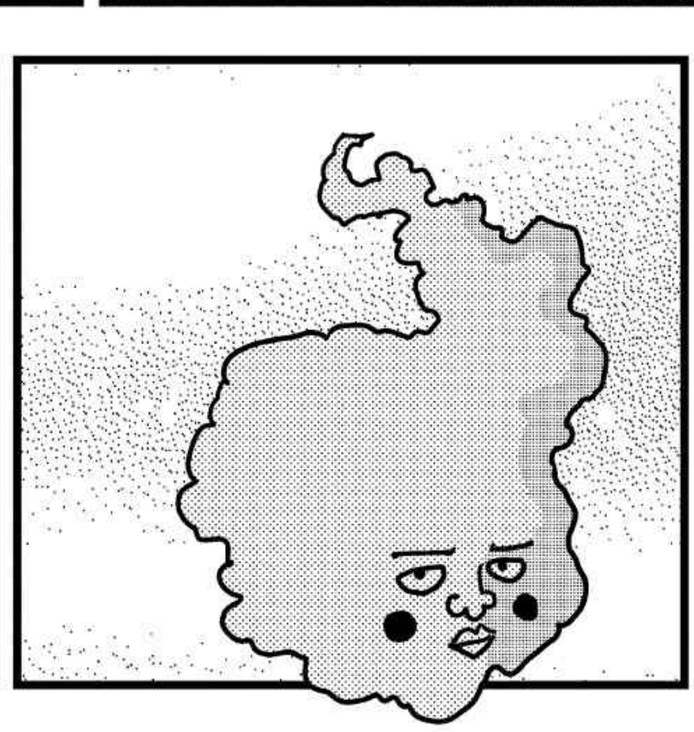
...Why was I being so obstinate...?

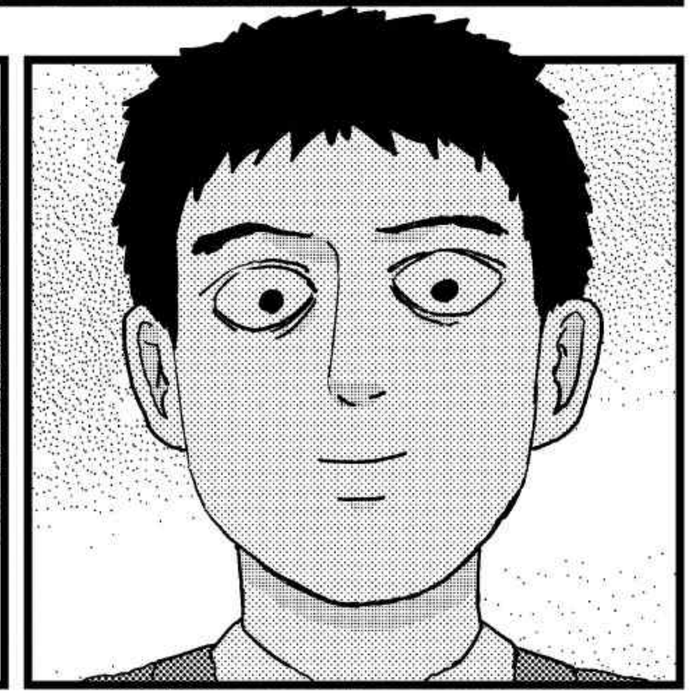
WELL, THINGS AREN'T SO BORING AFTER ALL, THEN.

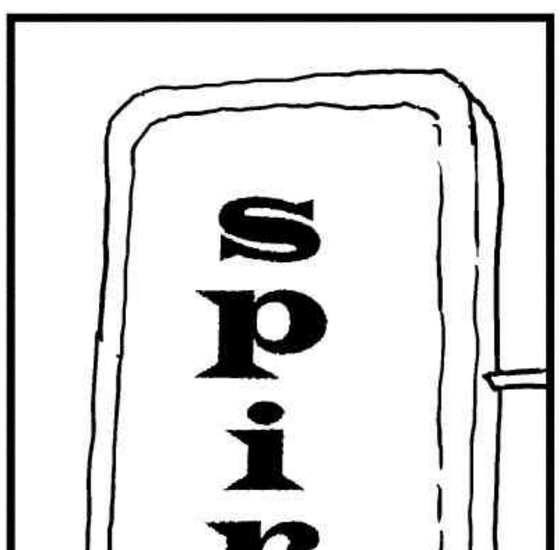
SO WE'RE ALL THE SAME...

WHAT THE ...?









My attitude with Mr. Reigen... I really was too cold to him.

I've still got some of my things in the office. That'll give me a chance to come by sometime, and I can apologize...

CLIENTS, PLEASE HAVE A SEAT AND WE'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU.

OH, WELL. GUESS I'LL COME BACK.

...BAD TIMING, I GUESS.

HELLO ...!

NOBODY HERE ...?

PLEASE WAIT...

WAIT...

W- WHO'S THERE ...?!

M-MR. ROSHUTO ...?

REIGEN IS NOT COMING ...

UM ...!

...ARE YOU...?

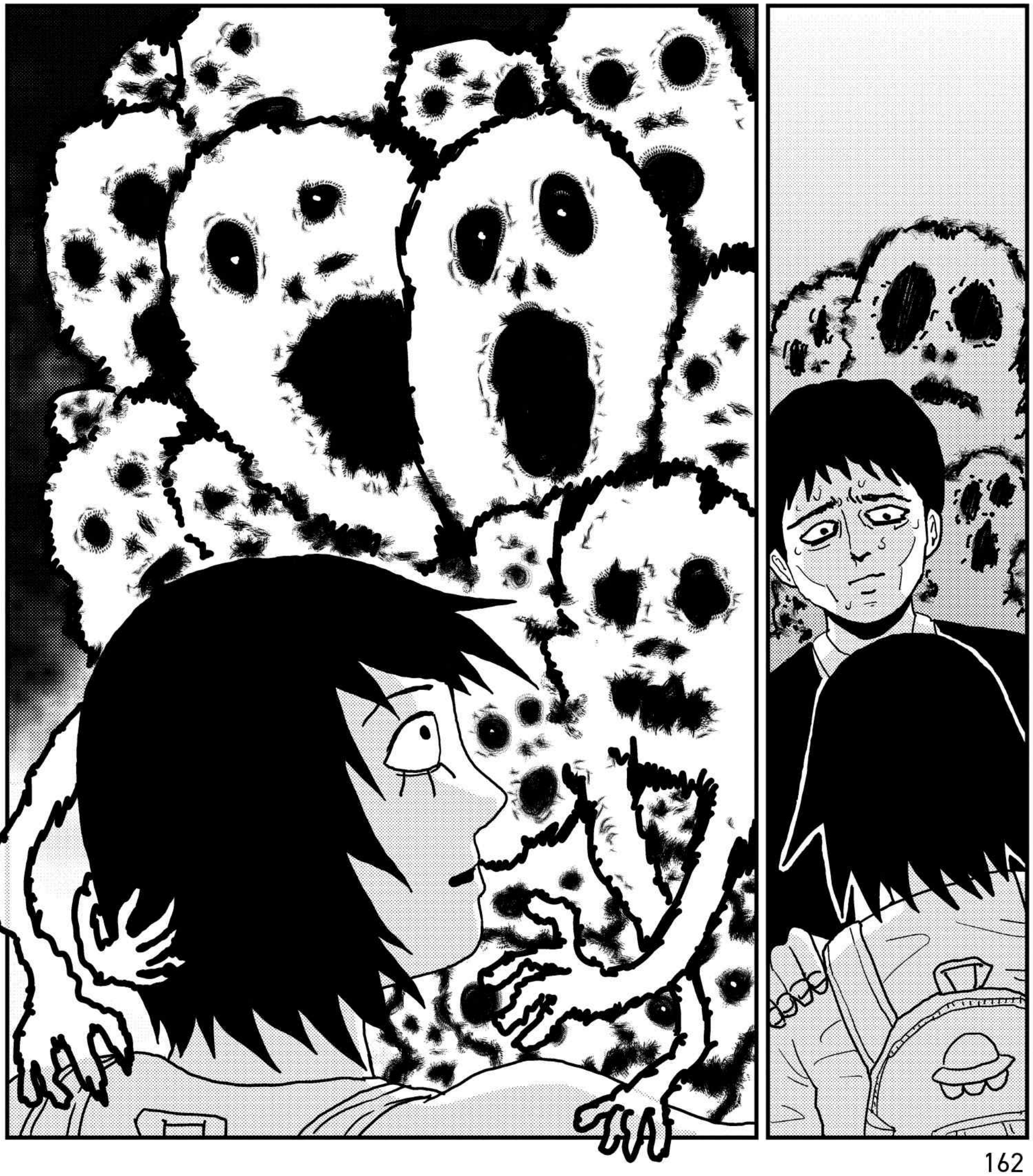
YES, I AM A LITTLE UNWELL... COULD I LEAN ON YOUR SHOULDER? I APOLOGIZE...

YOU LOOK PALE! BETTER SIT BACK DOWN...

THERE IS...NO TIME LEFT...

I...

...I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE SO KIND...



WHAT IS THIS...? I FEEL SICK... L-LIKE I'M GONNA...

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MISS TOME ...!!!

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SO YOU CAME ...REI-GEN...

...A TER-RIBLE CURSE!

IT'S HERE ...

GRRRAAAH!!!

THIS CURE IS GOING TO HURT... BUT BE STRONG!

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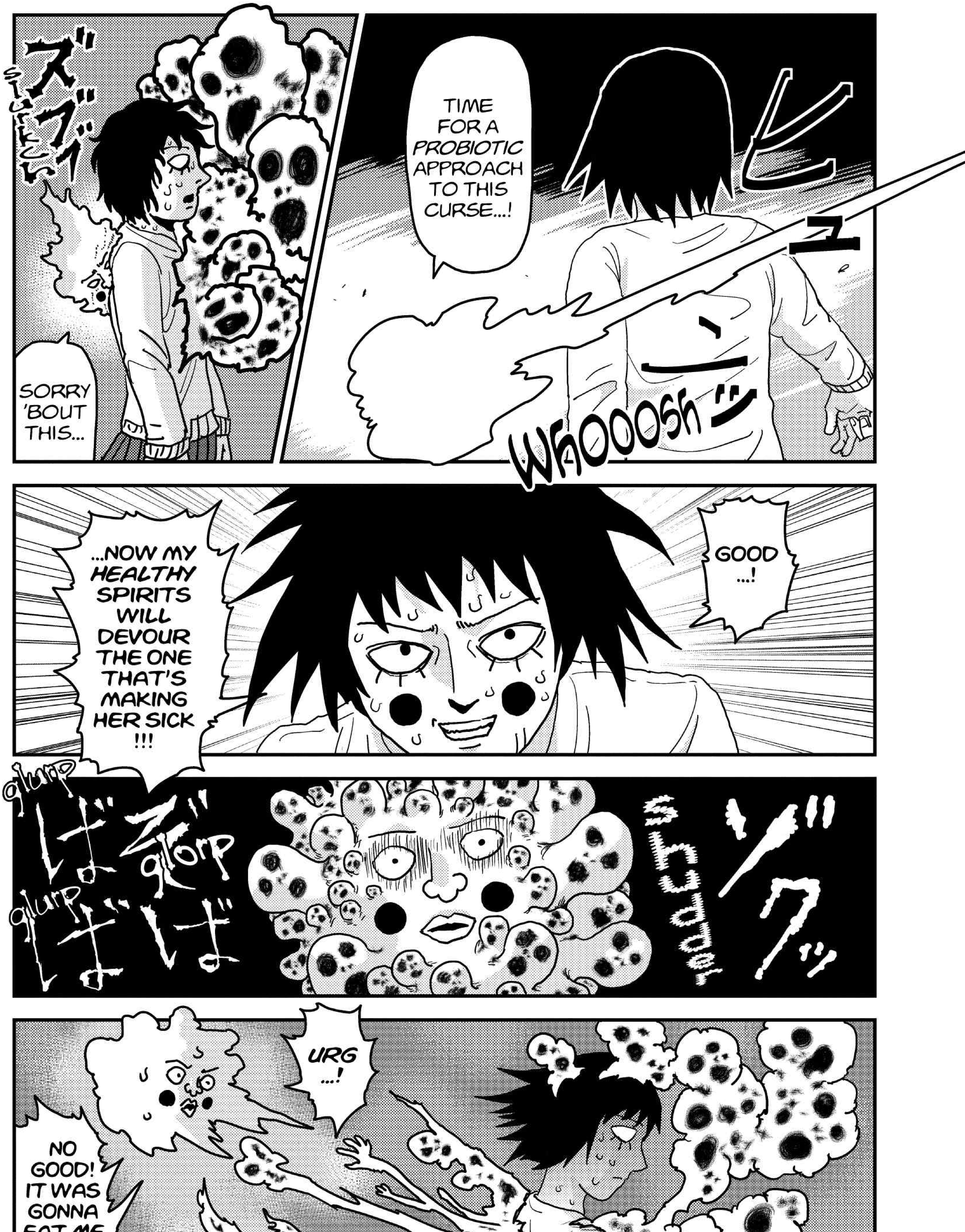
TIME FOR A PROBIOTIC APPROACH TO THIS CURSE...!
WHOOOSH
SORRY 'BOUT THIS...
GOOD ...!
...NOW MY HEALTHY SPIRITS WILL DEVOUR THE ONE THAT'S MAKING HER SICK !!!
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glurp
URG ...!
NO GOOD! IT WAS GONNA EAT ME INSTEAD !

I WAS PURIFYING A CERTAIN AREA, AND I TOUCHED SOMETHING FORBIDDEN.

I GOT TOO CLOSE TO IT TOO.

IF YOU TOUCH IT CARELESSLY ...IT TAKES YOU OVER.

THAT CURSE IS CALLED "LORD RED-BLACK."

THE FIRST VICTIM WAS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER NEAR A SMALL WAYSIDE SHRINE. HE WENT MAD, AND WITHIN A SHORT TIME WEAKENED AND DIED.

NEXT WAS THE PHYSICIAN WHO TREATED HIM. THEN THE OTHER PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITAL... THEN A PRIEST, AND THEN WORD CAME TO ME.

ITS ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN, BUT SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL, THE TRANSMISSION OF THE CURSE WAS HELD IN CHECK BY REGULAR SACRIFICES TO LORD RED-BLACK.

BUT THAT CUSTOM FADED FROM MEMORY, AND A HUNGRY LORD RED-BLACK HAS EMERGED INTO OUR WORLD TO FEED.

I WAS ONLY POSSESSED FOR THREE HOURS... LOOK AT ME.

I EXPECT THE CURSE'S EFFECTS ON THAT GIRL WILL WORK EVEN FASTER.

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THIS CURSE WAS GOING WILD AND GETTING BIGGER ...AND I COULD NOT STOP IT.

THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE MYSELF WAS TO SHIFT IT OFF ONTO SOMEONE ELSE.

MY CONTACTS WERE ALL COMPLETELY USELESS.

NO ONE WOULD LEND A HAND.

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hahh...

I...I'M SO SORRY...

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...YOU WARNED ME...SO MANY TIMES, MR. REIGEN...

I'M SO SOR-RY...

...AND NOT COME BACK...

I SHOULD HAVE... GOTTEN OUT OF THIS SOONER...

YOU ONLY...

...WORK WITH SCHOOL KIDS, THOUGH ...RIGHT?

!!

I'VE JUST CALLED FOR BACK-UP...

...BUT THEY CAN'T GET HERE IN THREE HOURS.

IT'S NOT THAT EASY TO FIND PEOPLE MORE POWERFUL THAN SERIZAWA...

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...REIGEN! DON'T GET NEAR HER! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!!

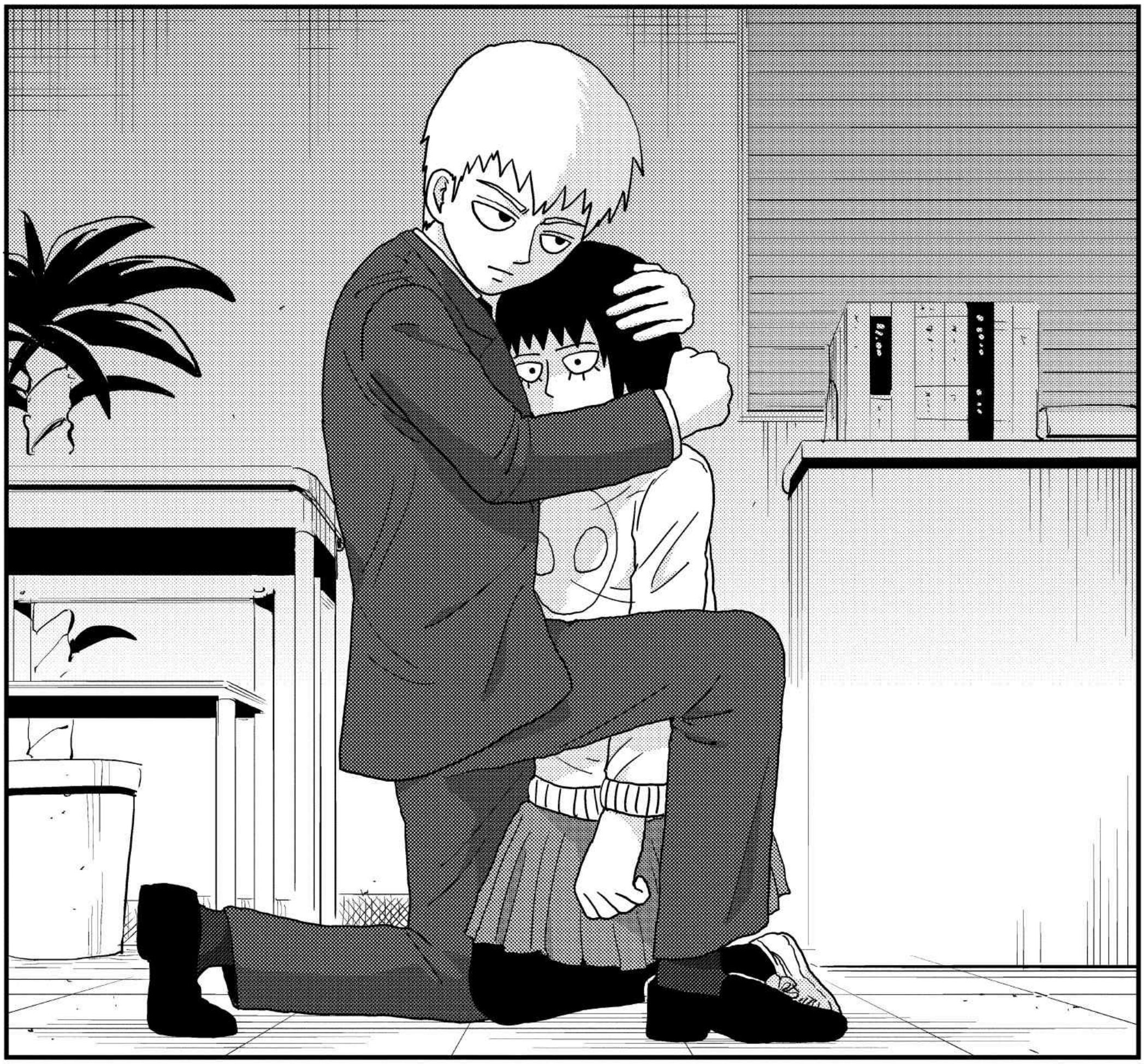
THERE'S NOTHING *YOU* CAN DO...!

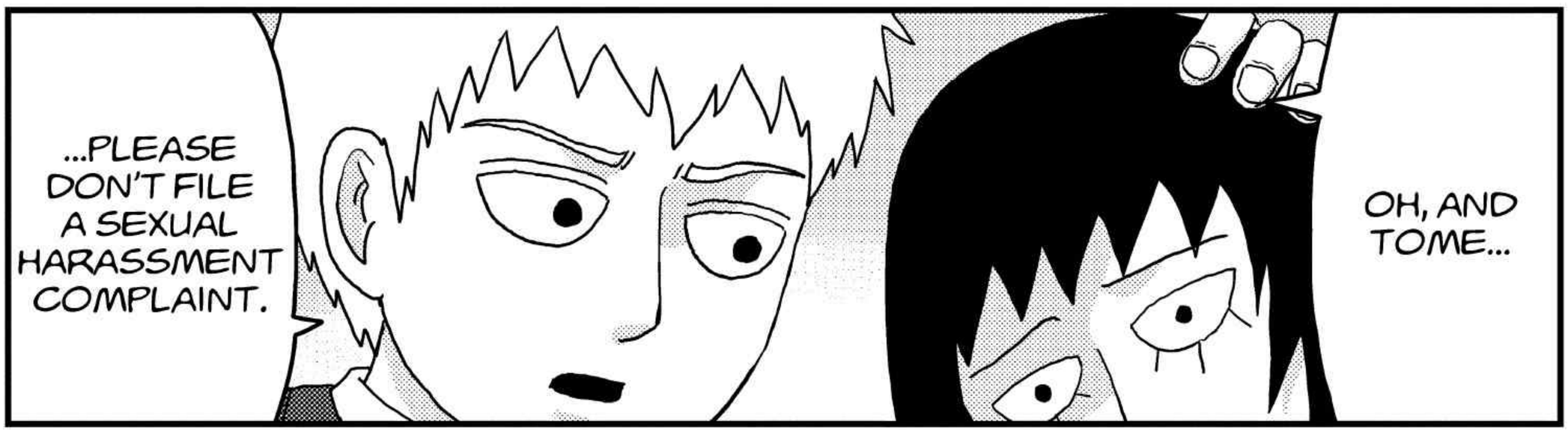
AT THIS RATE ...

THERE'S NO TIME TO CALL ANYONE ELSE!

H-HEY...

HUH...?




...PLEASE DON'T FILE A SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT.
OH, AND TOME...

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HE LET THE CURSE ENTER HIM INSTEAD.

IT WAS THE ONLY WAY.

MR. REIGEN, W-WHAT DID YOU...?!

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THIS IS ROUGH ...

...MUCH WORSE THAN STIFF SHOUL-DERS.

...WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

BUT...

YOU'LL HAVE TO PASS IT ON.

SOME-ONE HAS TO BE ITS VICTIM ...

I'M SORRY.

I CAN... COUNT ON SOME-THING THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN.

I... HAVE AN IDEA.

I'VE GOT A PLAN... THAT SHOULDN'T GET ANYONE ELSE IN-VOLVED.

NO-BODY FOL-LOW ME.

...SERI-ZAWA, PLEASE CALL AN AMBU-LANCE.

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DON'T FRET.

That man has always entrusted things to others...

He always gets someone to help in the nick of time...but now, he's out there on his own.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO BY YOURSELF...

...REIGEN?

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SIR, YA LOOK PALE. ARE YA ALL RIGHT ...?

...YES. COULD YOU GO FASTER?

NO... IT'S FINE.

OH. 'SCUSE ME, SIR. HERE I AM BABBLING ON, TELLING SCARY STORIES.

...I SAW A GHOST *ONCE*, YA KNOW!

YA KNOW, DRIVING INTO THE MOUNTAINS AT NIGHT LIKE THIS REMINDS ME OF THAT ONE TIME...

...I DON'T BELIEVE IN THEM.

NO ENTRY

YOU SURE THIS IS FAR ENOUGH?

YES... CAN I HAVE A RECEIPT, PLEASE?

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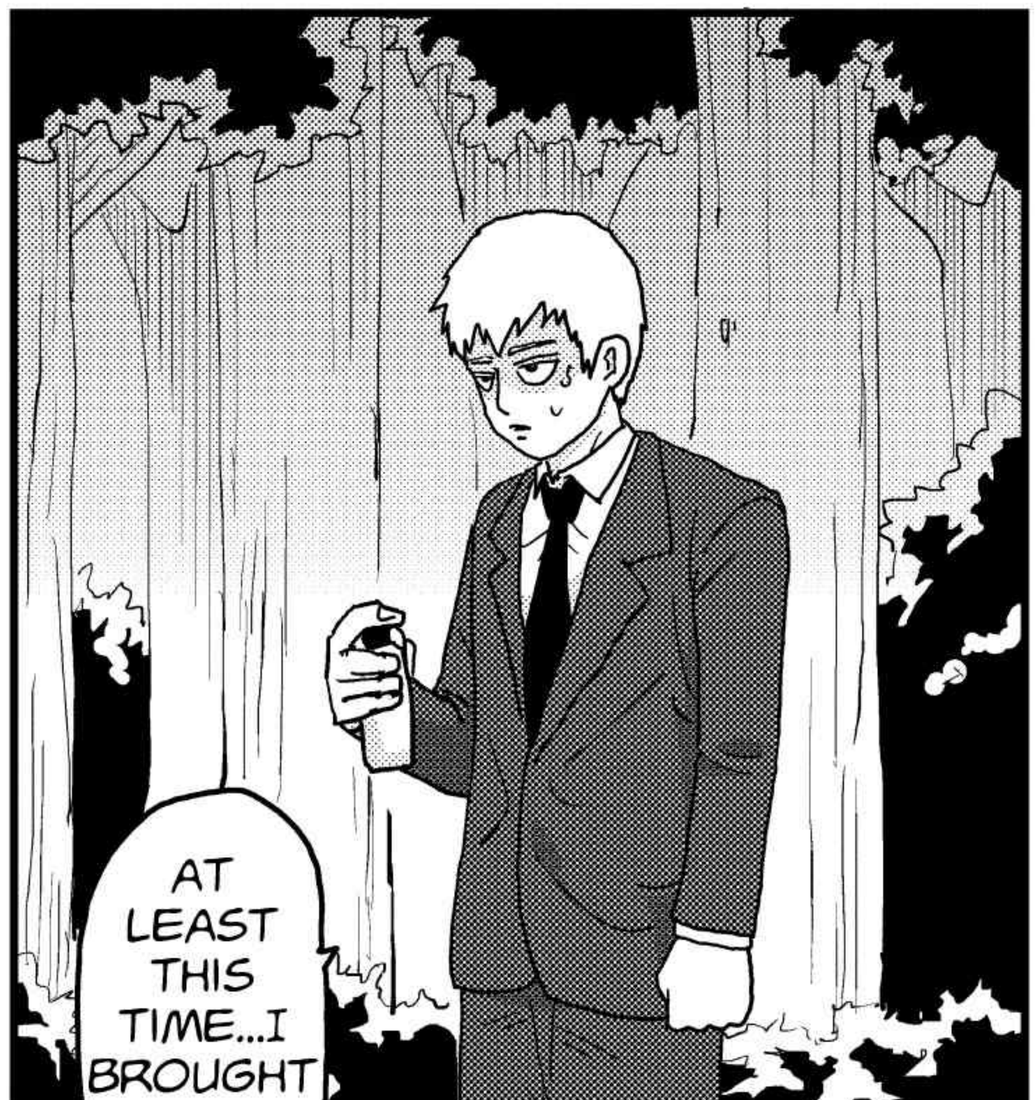
AT LEAST THIS TIME...I BROUGHT BUG SPRAY...

NOW, THEN...

I KNOW TIME GETS DIS-TORTED IN THIS PLACE...

...MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT IT SLOWS DOWN THE WORKING OF THE CURSE.

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EVEN IF I HAVE TO RISK IT ALL...

...IT'S BETTER THAN NOT TRYING.

MR. REIGEN!

WE STILL WANT TO FOLLOW...!

HEY, REIGEN! THERE ANYTHING I, THE GREAT DIMPLE, CAN DO TO HELP...?

MR. REIGEN, SIR! AS YOUR SECOND-IN-COMMAND, I'LL DO WHAT-EVER'S IN MY POWER !!

NOW I'M IN "RELI-ANCE" AGAIN...

BUT THEY KNOW...IT WOULD CAUSE ME TROUBLE IF THEY ACTUALLY DID FOLLOW.

THOSE WORDS I HEAR... THEY MAKE ME SO HAPPY I COULD CRY.

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I CAN SENSE YOUR SUFFERING INSIDE ME... CENTURIES OF IT...SO WHY DON'T WE TALK...?

...SINCE YOUR CURSE HAS EATEN SO FAR INTO ME... YOU CAN COMMUNI-CATE, CAN'T YOU?

BY THE WAY, LI'L RED-BLACK ...

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...IF I TURN AROUND, IT'LL BE BAD NEWS.

YOU'RE ALWAYS ALONE. ALWAYS MOVING TO YET ANOTHER ...
BUT HEAR THIS.
I KNOW I'LL DIE VERY SOON...SO WHILE I'VE STILL GOT A LITTLE MATERNAL INSTINCT IN ME, LET ME EMBRACE YOU WILLINGLY...
...AND WE CAN DIE TOGETHER.
NOW, NOW.
GOOD BOY.
LET'S BE AT PEACE AT LAST...
...WAIT! WHAT'S THAT ...?!
B...
BE- HI...
shake shake shake shake
flap flap flap
... BEHIND YOU!
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LORD RED-BLACK TURNED AROUND ...
...WILL RELIANCE SHOW ITSELF ...?

NOW THAT IS ONE CRAZY-LOOKING THING...

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EH ...?

IT'S EATING LORD RED-BLACK ...

IT'S CHASING ME...!

STAY CALM! JUST DON'T TURN AROUND...

MR. REIGEN...!

...I WAS KINDA HOPING THEY'D KILL EACH OTHER!

CRAP! GOTTA RUN FOR IT!

THERE'S A CLIFF THAT WAY, MR. REIGEN!

LOOK OUT!

THE WAY BACK IS OVER HERE!!

DAMN IT...I RAN SO QUICKLY, I'VE LOST TRACK OF THE MARKERS ...

...DON'T KNOW THE WAY BACK!

IGNORE THEM. DON'T LOSE YOUR COOL ...!

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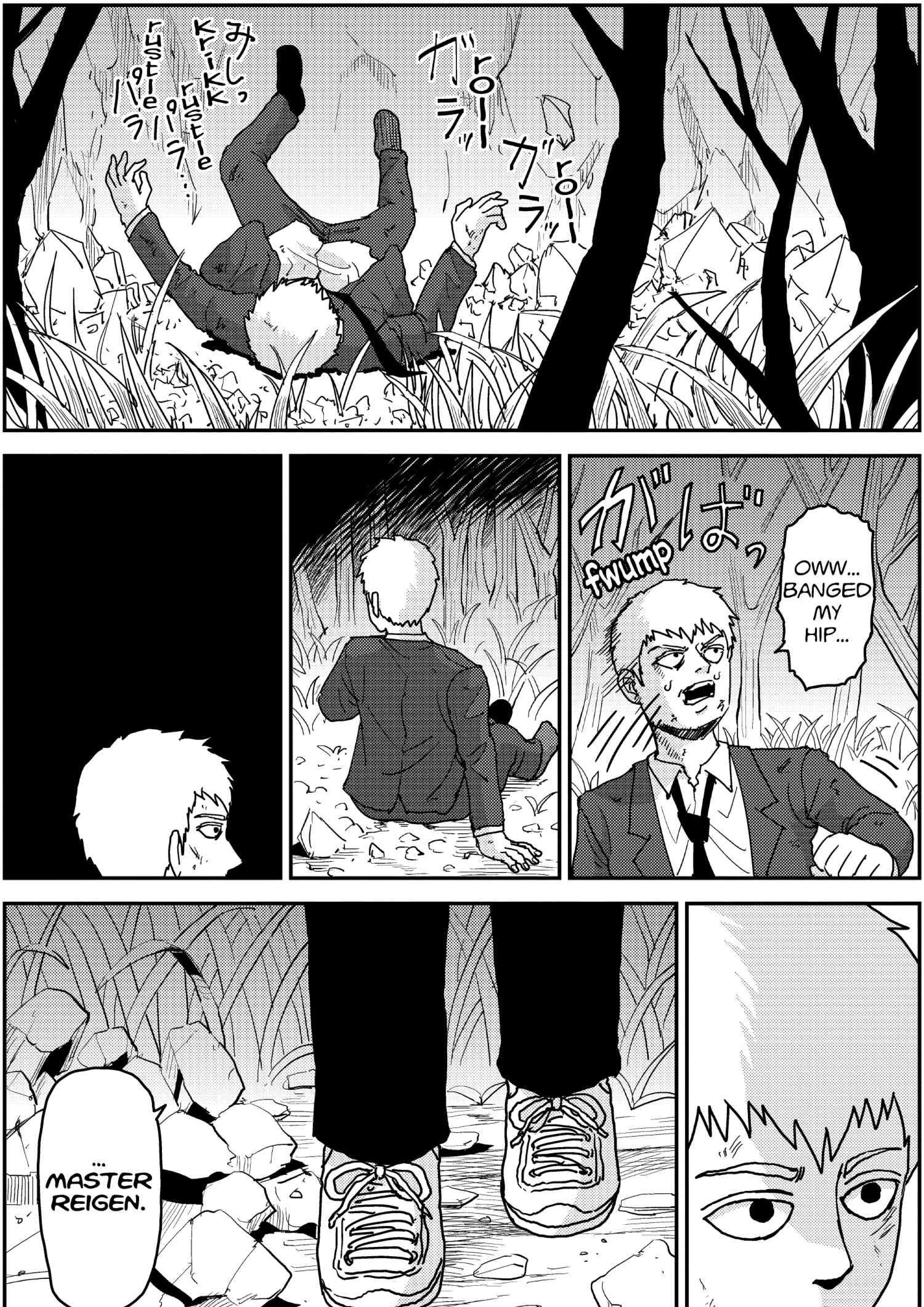
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OWW... BANGED MY HIP...
... MASTER REIGEN.

I CAME TO HELP YOU...

...IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.

DON'T WORRY, MASTER.

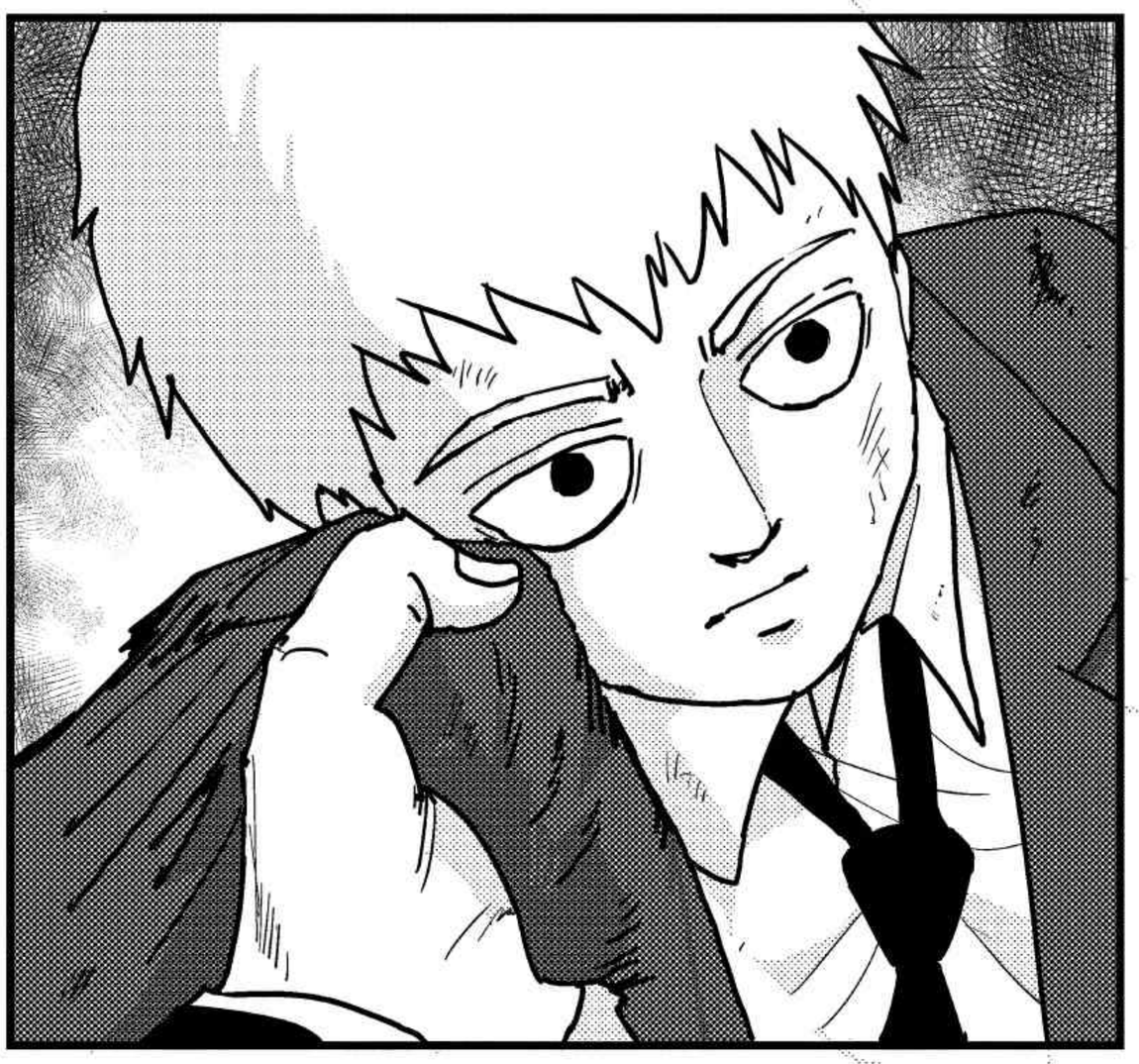
I'VE COMPLETELY ERADICATED THE ENEMY.

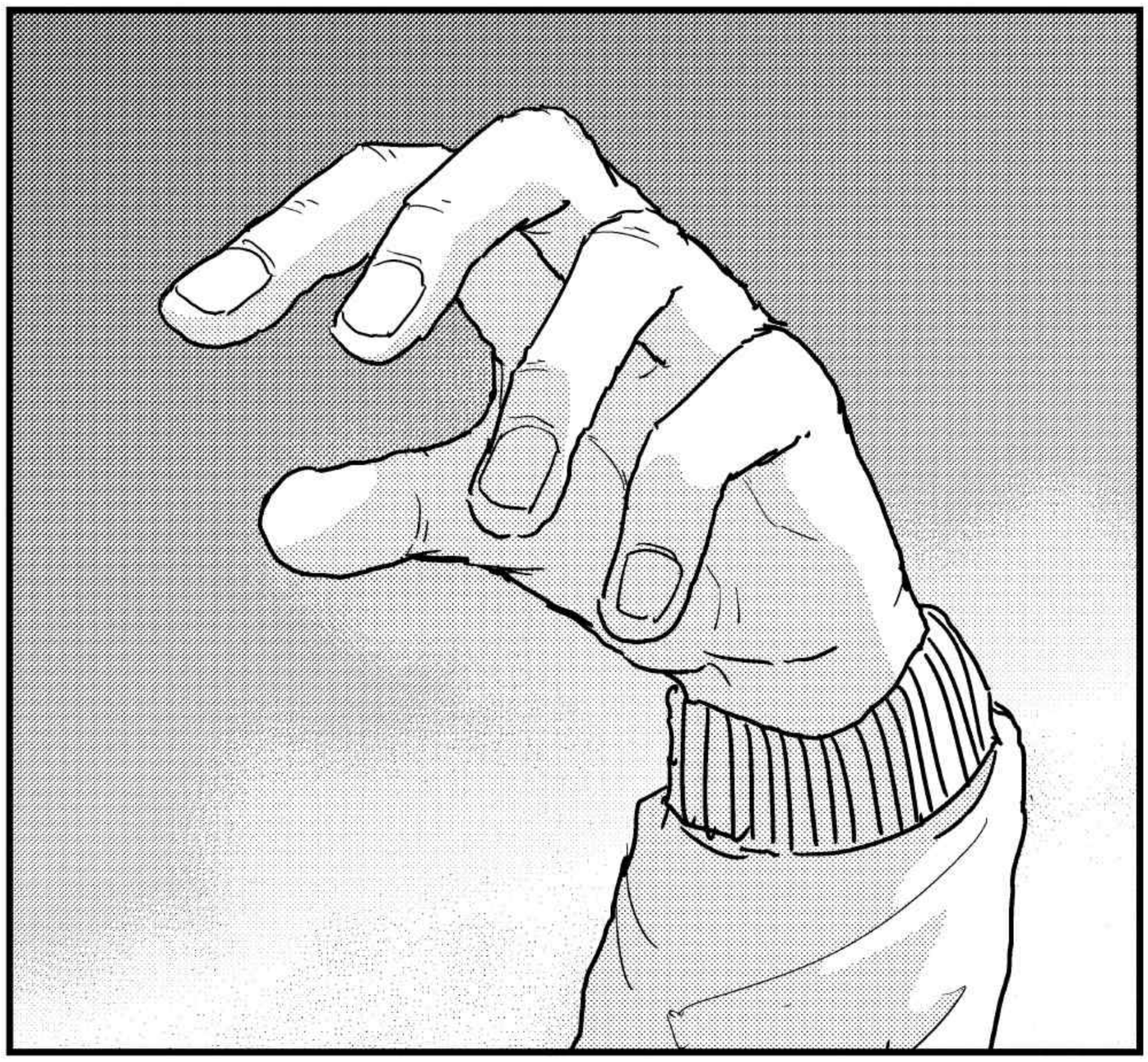
MOB...

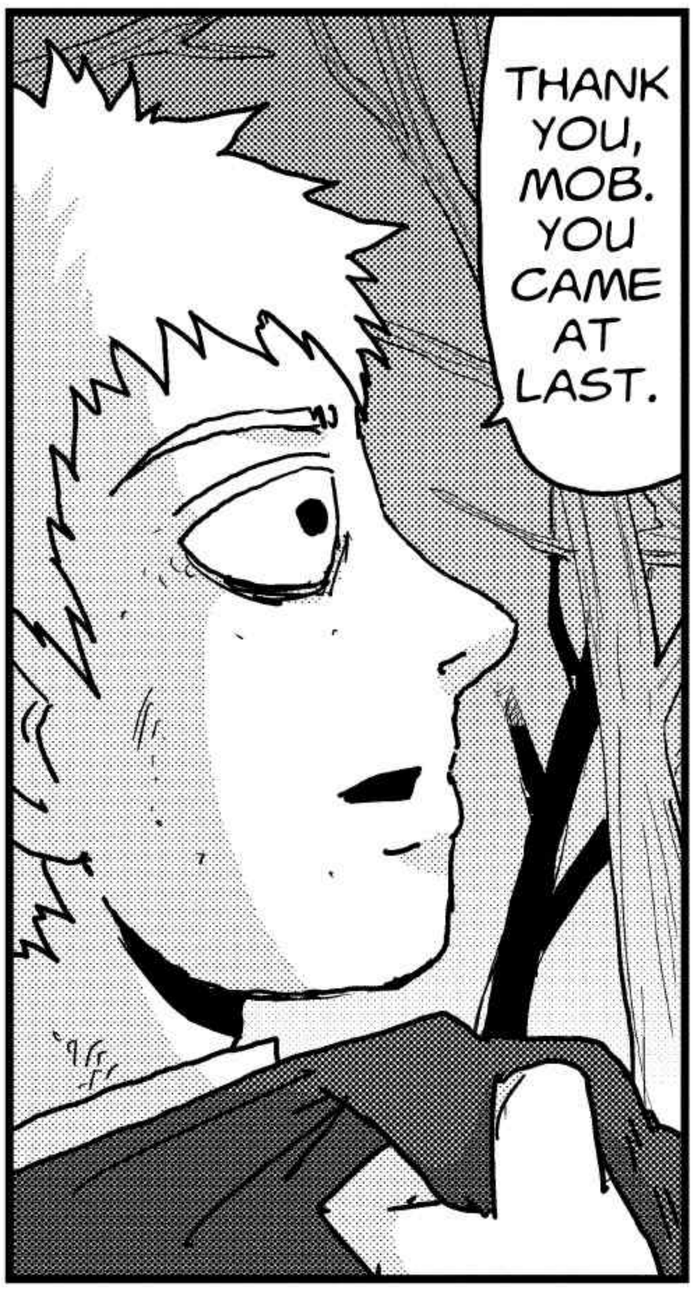
COME ON. GET UP NOW...

HURRY. THIS WAY.

LET'S GO.






THANK YOU, MOB. YOU CAME AT LAST.

NO MORE CALLS OUT OF THE BLUE...

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU...?

I KNOW, YOU WERE ON A CRAM SCHOOL RE-TREAT.

SORRY, MOB. BUT IT WAS AN EMER-GENCY.

...MASTER.

I MEANT TIRED FROM STUDYING FOR EN-TRANCE EXAMS, MASTER.

THE MATH IS...

DON'T SAY THAT. DEALING WITH A SPIRIT LIKE THAT'S A CINCH FOR YOU.

I GET TIRED TOO, YOU KNOW.

ISN'T IT ALWAYS?

...I WASN'T EXPECTING TO GET PAID IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT...

NO PROBLEM! ASK ME ANYTHING! IT'LL BE YOUR PAYMENT FOR TODAY.

YOU CAN, MASTER? I ASKED FOR HELP AT CRAM SCHOOL, BUT WHEN IT GETS ADVANCED, I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT...

OH, IS THE MATH GIVING YOU TROUBLE? I CAN TUTOR, YOU KNOW. BRING YOUR TEXTBOOKS TO THE OFFICE.

SURE.

WANT TO GET RAMEN ON THE WAY BACK, MOB?

GOOD IDEA! I WANT TO DO THAT TOO!

IF HE CAN, THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK HIM ABOUT...

SAY, TOME, DOES YOUR BOSS DO FORTUNE TELLING?

GOING TO WORK?

YUP. SEE YA TOMOR-ROW.

...YOU CAN CONSULT WITH HIM ANYTIME! NEXT TIME, WHY DON'T WE *ALL* GO HANG OUT AT HIS OFFICE...?

I DON'T KNOW IF HE DOES FORTUNES, BUT...

MISS KURATA... I SWEAR I'LL GET PSYCHIC POWERS TOO, YOU'LL SEE...!!!

I'LL TELL HIM!

EH? ALL OF US...?

spirits & such
WHAT DO YOU WANT THIS TIME ...?
HEH...! REIGEN, APPARENTLY I UNDERES-TIMATED YOU A LITTLE.
RE-JOICE !
I'M GIVING STRONG CONSIDER-ATION TO ADDING YOU TO MY CONTACTS FOLDER !
Point!
GET LOST, PAL!
...SO, MASTER REIGEN, WHAT'S THE ANSWER ...?
MAS-TER ...?
HANG ON...I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER THE FORMULA ...
...I'M MORE OF A HUMANI-TIES GUY!
BUT I CAME BACK HERE AFTER ALL THIS TIME BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU'D HELP...
OH, *MATH?* LET ***ME*** TUTOR YOU!
KID, REIGEN'S A FRAUD! HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW TRIG!
ROSHUTO! **QUIT TRYING TO POACH MY TALENT!**
HE NEVER LEARNS.
YEAH. NICE SUIT, BUT...
...HEY!
OH, HELLO, MOB! YOU'RE HERE TOO...?

YOU MUST KNOW TRIG.

NO SIR, I DON'T.

AH...! YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, TOME.

UM, I'VE GOT SOME FRIENDS THAT WANT TO ASK YOU FOR ADVICE...

...COULD THEY COME BY TOMOR-ROW AFTER SCHOOL ?

...YES! IT'S COMING BACK TO ME NOW...

PPPRRRリンリンリンリン...

OH, FOR GOD'S SAKE. IT'S $AB^2 = CA^2 + CB^2 + 2(CA)(CH)$!

MAS-TER...

SAY WHAT ...?!

CAN YOU, SERI-ZAWA ...?

...OH. THIS? NO, SIR. SORRY.

MAYBE I CAN HELP...

OH? TOMORROW AFTERNOON? I'M AFRAID I HAVE A PRIOR APPOINT-MENT THEN...

YES, MORN-ING WOULD BE FINE...

OH...!

THIS MAN...

UNDER-STOOD! YES, I CAN TAKE YOUR APPOINT-MENT!

...MM-HMM! GHOST TROU-BLES, EH?

...YES! HELLO ...?

SORRY, BUT IT'S A CLIENT. WE'LL GO OVER THIS NEXT TIME!

HE WEA-SELED OUT AGAIN...

AND IF I LOOK HARD ENOUGH AROUND MYSELF...

AND MR. REIGEN'S GOT A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON AROUND HERE.

THIS WORLD SEEMS BORING... BUT IT'S GOT A LOT OF THINGS GOING FOR IT.

...AND THAT I DON'T NEED ANY SPECIAL POWERS.

...TAUGHT ME TO ALWAYS BE MYSELF...

I, ARATAKA REIGEN... WILL ACCEPT THE JOB!

...MY LIFE WILL BE INTER-ESTING TOO...I KNOW IT!

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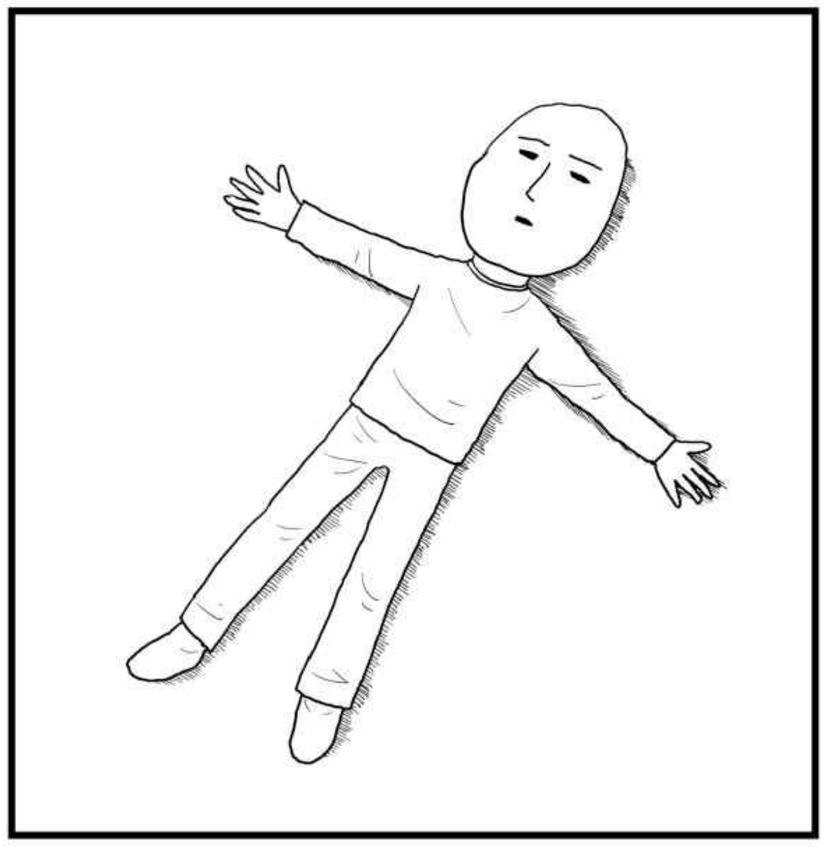

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We decided to do a spinoff with Arataka Reigen, a character who appears in *Mob Psycho 100*, as the main character. When I got down to drawing it, it was difficult . . . But I tried to come face to face with Reigen. If you enjoy it, nothing would make me happier!!

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SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE . . .

You sense it, somehow. You suspect this story doesn't really go the way it should. You're suspicious! But a smooth talker like Reigen would know what to say at this point. *"Just flip the book around and start reading it the other way instead."* Aha! So this was really the last page of the book. You're saved! Thank you, Reigen-sensei! *"Now, about my fee . . . "*

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WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, ANYWAY...? ALL THIS TIME, YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE ME THINK I'M UNDER A CURSE.

2
LISTEN TO YOURSELF. YOU GET SOMETHING WRONG, YOU MOVE TO ANOTHER, GET THAT WRONG, AND KEEP ON GOING...

3
...I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT MY PROBLEM'S JUST STIFF SHOULDERS ...

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4
...AND THAT YOU'RE JUST SOME KIND OF HUSTLING CON MAN.

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...PA-TIENCE! I'M POSITIVE WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS IF WE JUST KEEP SEARCH-ING.

6
TELL ME ABOUT... YOUR NET SURF-ING HABITS.

7
WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOUR QUES-TION?

8
IT'S... MOSTLY MES-SAGE BOARDS... AND... ADULT SITES... AND STUFF.

9
EHHHHHHHHH?!

YOU'VE BEEN HIT BY THE PORN POP-UP CURSE ...!

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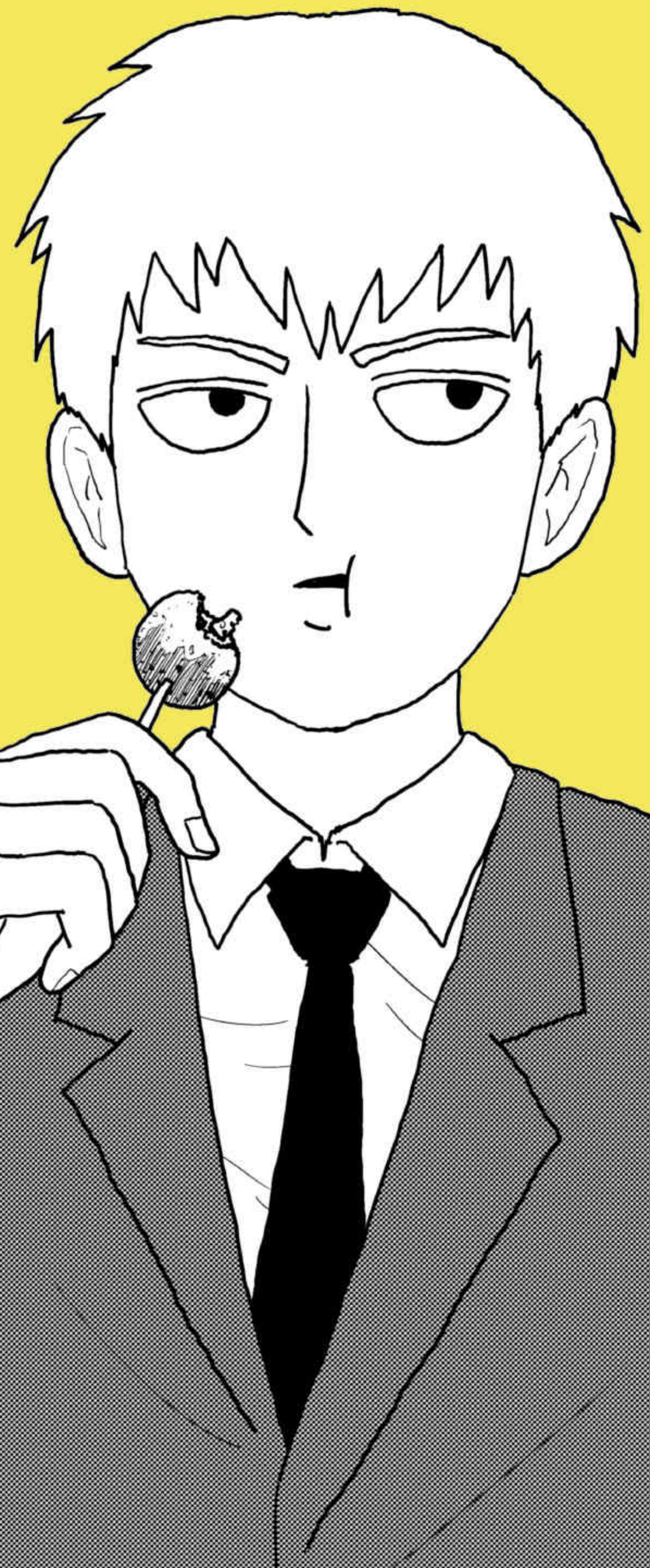
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